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Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the Music Hall, in the City of Toronto, on the 13th, 14th and 15th days of July, A. L., 5870, A. D., 1870.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

R. W. Bro. James Seymour, Deputy Grand Master.

" " " Peter J. Brown, Grand Senior Warden.

" " " William H. Weller, as " Junior Warden.

" " " Rev. Vincent Clementi, as " Chaplain.

" " " Henry Macpherson, as " Treasurer.

" " " Silas B. Fairbanks, " Registrar.

" " " Thos. Bird Harris, " Secretary.

V. " " R. P. Stephens, " Senior Deacon.

" " " J. B. Futvoye, " Junior Deacon.

" " " Walter Chatfield, " Supt. of Works.

" " " Charles Sharpe, " Dir. of Cer.

" " " W. T. Munday, Asst. " Secretary.

" " " E. C. Barber, as Asst. " Dir. of Cer.

" " " Robert Lewis, " Sword Bearer.

" " " A. E. Fife, " Organist.

" " " Thos. White, Jr., as Asst. " Organist.

" " " James Might, as " Pursuivant.

" " S. McGowan, as " Tyler.

V. W. Bro. Moses Betts,	}	Grand Stewards.
" " " D. McLellan,		
" " " C. R. Ford,		
" " " D. McMurchy,		
" " " A. Diamond,		
" " " James Canfield.)	

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke,	London	District.
" " " David Curtis,	Wilson	"
" " " Thomas Matheson,	Huron	"
" " " Otto Klotz,	Wellington	"
" " " Isaac P. Willson,	Hamilton	"
" " " James K. Kerr,	Toronto	"
" " " William McCabe,	Ontario	"
" " " H. W. Delany,	Prince Edw'd	"
" " " J. J. Gemmill,	Ottawa	"
" " " M. Gutman,	Montreal	"
" " " H. D. Pickel,	for Bedford	"

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

M. W. Bro. William M. Wilson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and the Grand Orients of Cuba and St. Domingo.

M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Vermont, and New Jersey and the Grand Orient of New Grenada.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, 33°, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Kansas, Tennessee, Missouri, and Oregon, and the Grand Orient of Portugal.

M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, 33°, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia, Louisiana and Pennsylvania.

- R. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York.
- M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, 32°, Representative of the Grand Orient of Brazil and Grand Lodge of Connecticut.
- R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, Representative of the Grand Orient of Uruguay.
- M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, Representative of the Grand Orient of Italy.
- R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, B. A., Representative of the Grand Orient of Chili.
- W. Bro. R. Ramsay, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
- V. W. Bro. Thomas White, Jr., Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nevada.
- R. W. Bro. James K. Kerr, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W. Bro. William M. Wilson, P. G. M.
- “ “ “ T. Douglas Harington, P. G. M.
- “ “ “ W. W. Simpson, P. G. M.
- “ “ “ A. Bernard, P. G. M.
- R. “ “ C. D. Macdonnell, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ Richard Ball, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ Æmilius Irving, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ William G. Storm, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ William H. Weller, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ James Moffatt, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ J. Milne, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ John Parry, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ George Masson, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ A. DeGrassi, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ Kivas Tully, P. D. D. G. M.

R. W. Bro.	John V. Noel, P. D. D. G. M.
" "	M. H. Spencer, P. D. D. G. M.
" "	L. H. Henderson, P. D. D. G. M.
" "	A. G. Macdonell, P. D. D. G. M.
" "	Charles Kahn, P. D. D. G. M.
" "	Thompson Wilson, P. D. D. G. M.
" "	John W. Murton, P. G. S. W.
" "	Col. W. J. McLeod Moore, P. G. S. W.
" "	John Kerr, P. G. S. W.
" "	Henry Macpherson, P. G. S. W.
" "	Marcellus Crombie, P. G. J. W.
" "	Rev. Vincent Clementi, P. G. Chap.
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" "	James Bowman, P. G. J. D.
" "	Augustus T. Houel, P. G. Sup. of W.
" "	Edward Mitchell, P. Asst. G. Sec.
" "	William R. Harris, P. Asst. G. Sec.
" "	E. H. Parker, P. Asst. G. D. of C.
" "	John Wilson, P. Asst. G. D. of C.
" "	Edward C. Barber, P. Asst. G. D. of C.
" "	James Bain, P. G. S. B.
" "	John Paterson, P. G. S. B.
" "	Frederick Mudge, P. G. S. B.
" "	F. C. Dettmers, P. G. Org.
" "	A. Boulton, P. G. Org.
" "	James M. Rogerson, P. Asst. G. Org.
" "	Thomas White, Jr., P. Asst. G. Org.
" "	James Might, P. G. Pur.
" "	L. W. Decker, P. G. Stwd.
" "	B. Patterson, P. G. Stwd.
" "	John Paterson, P. G. Stwd.
" "	Allan McLean, P. G. Stwd.
" "	George E. Bull, P. G. Stwd.
" "	George Billington, P. G. Stwd.
" "	Hy Robertson, P. G. Stwd.
" "	N. Allan Gamble, P. G. Stwd.
" "	James Reynolds, P. G. Stwd.

V. W. Bro. Thos. Winter, P. G. Stwd.
 " " " Thomas Camm, P. G. Stwd.
 " " " James M. Dunn, P. G. Stwd.

VISITORS OF DISTINCTION.

R. W. Bro. C. E. Young, Grand Junior Deacon, New York State.
 " " " W. J. McCredie, P.D.D.G.M., New York State.
 " " " John A. Lockwood P.D.D.G.M., " " "
 " Bros. W. H. Dee, H. Kleim, John H. Andrews, H. B. McCullough, S. L. Watson, and J. B. King, State of New York.
 " " Bro. W. A. Manning, D.D.G.M. New York State.
 " " " Holwell, P.G.J.W. Prov. G. Lodge C. W.
 " " " James M. Austin, Grand Secretary, State of New York.
 " " Benjamin Flagler, New York State.
 " Col. George G. Garner, New Orleans.
 " Geo. T. Converse, New Orleans.
 " " " W. H. Fraser, Chicago, Ill.

PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. M. Gutman.	W. Bro. John Segsworth.
V. " " F. C. Dettmers.	V. " " D. McMurchy.
" " Jno. M. Clement.	" " H. R. Corsor.
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V. " " E. H. Parker.	" " D. A. Creasor.
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V. " " J. B. Futvoye.	V. " " C. R. Ford.
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" " Robert Kemp.	" " C. R. Barker.
V. " " L. W. Decker.	" " A. L. Wilson.
" " F. Richardson.	" " M. H. Spencer.
M. " " Wm. M. Wilson.	" " R. King.

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" "	Daniel Mathews.	" "	John Sykes.
" "	A. J. Donly.	V. "	N. A. Gamble.
" "	Wm. Doctor.	" "	A. Boulthbee.
V. "	A. Diamond.	" "	N. Greening.
" "	N. B. Falkiner.	" "	F. H. L. Staunton.
" "	J. F. S. Brooke.	R. "	Vincent Clementi
" "	W. J. Morris.	" "	James Seymour.
V. "	Walter Chatfield.	" "	Geo. Groves.
" "	James Bain.	" "	John Dale.
" "	John Paterson.	" "	James Haken.
R. "	Æmilius Irving.	" "	John A. Tidey.
" "	Wm. G. Storm.	" "	Z. Noble.
" "	Wm. H. Weller.	" "	John Bartle.
" "	R. Kincaid	" "	Jacob Hartman.
M. "	A. A. Stevenson.	" "	James O'Conner.
" "	A. Bernard.	" "	D. B. Burch.
R. "	James Moffatt.	" "	N. F. Dupuis.
V. "	David McLellan.	V. "	James Reynolds.
" "	Aug. T. Houel.	" "	Isaac F. Toms.
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" "	W. T. O'Rielly.	" "	John Dawson.
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" "	W. W. Pringle.	" "	Malcolm Cameron
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" "	R. Leslie.	" "	James Dinwoodie
" "	Walter Kerr.	" "	Geo. E. Fraser.
" "	Wm. R. Anderson	" "	Geo. S. Graham.
" "	Joseph Davey.	" "	A. Forbes.
V. "	A. E. Fife.	" "	Thomas Todd.
" "	C. A. Jones.	" "	Seth Ashton.
R. "	J. Milne.	" "	W. Ireland.
V. "	B. Patterson.	" "	R. W. Hillary.
R. "	John Parry.	" "	H. D. Pickel.
" "	Wm. Braund.	" "	John McLean.

W. Bro.	L. J. Weatherby.	W. Bro.	M. Eacrett.
"	" Harry Reed.	"	" W. L. Eager.
"	" John Hoshal.	"	" Geo. Smith.
"	" Joseph Hurssell.	"	" Hy. Watson.
"	" Isaac P. Willson. V.	"	" James Bowman.
"	" A. K. Scholfield. R.	"	" Wm. McCabe.
R.	" Peter J. Brown.	"	" John Boyd.
V.	" James Canfield. R.	"	" S. B. Fairbanks.
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"	" Peter Begg.	"	" A. G. Macdonell.
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"	" J. P. Campbell.	"	" Jas. Stephenson.
"	" J. B. Bickell. V.	"	" Thos. Winter.
R.	" Thos. B. Harris. R.	"	" Charles Kahn.
"	" John E. Brooke. V.	"	" James Might.
"	" James S. Scarff.	"	" H. M. Wright.
V.	" John Patterson. M.	"	" T. D. Harington.
"	" Fred. Mudge.	"	" Berkeley Powell.
R.	" David Curtis.	"	" W. E. Roxburgh.
"	" James Gibson.	"	" Charles Hendry.
"	" Joseph Figg.	"	" James McKay.
"	" A. P. Conger.	"	" Walter Oliver.
"	" Jas. F. Lister.	"	" E. Patching.
R.	" George Masson.	"	" Joseph Jackes.
"	" W. M. Jamieson. V.	"	" Thomas Camm.
"	" J. J. Gemmill.	"	" Thos. Ellison.
"	" W. J. B. McL. Moore	"	" G. H. Kemp.
V.	" Edw'd C. Barber.	"	" Wm. Kerns.
"	" Fred. Marett.	"	" W. J. Simcoe Kerr
"	" Edward Mitchell.	"	" Walter McKay.
"	" Thos. White, jr.	"	" M. Betts.
"	" Charles Hunter.	"	" J. C. Karr.
"	" D. E. Broderick.	"	" John Edgcombe.
"	" T. F. McMullen.	"	" Cha'neey Bennett
"	" R. Lewis.	"	" Robert Manson.
"	" W. T. Wilkinson.	"	" Alex. Fraser.
V.	" Allan McLean.	"	" H. F. Smith.
"	" Geo. E. Bull. V.	"	" James M. Dunn.
"	" Charles Craige.	"	" Charles Sharpe.

R. W. Bro.	Otto Klotz.	W. Bro.	S. Leybourne.
" "	John E. Harding.	" "	James Emancy.
" "	John Morey.	" "	Jas. Somerville.
" "	A. Barrett	" "	A. W. Thompson.
R. "	A. DeGrassi.	" "	Jas. B. Holden.
" "	John Kerr.	" "	E. Racicot.
" "	Fred. J. Menet.	" "	E. H. Smith.
" "	Ed. H. Fauquier.	" "	J. C. Chamberlain
" "	Thomas B. Bain.	" "	John Tracy.
" "	L. A. Sinclair.	R. "	Thomps'n Wilson
" "	B. Barnard.	" "	H. B. O'Connor.
" "	Jno. W. H. Wilson	" "	G. K. Chisholm.
" "	George Mansfield.	" "	W. W. Winfield.
" "	W. D McGloghlon	" "	Sir Wm. Colles, Kt
V. "	Geo. Billington.	" "	Charles Storer.
" "	W. S. Martin.	" "	John Smith.
" "	John Lanfesty, jr.	" "	A. B. Petrie.
" "	D. M. Malloch.	" "	A. McGregor.
" "	Robert Matheson.	" "	Ed. Roblin.
" "	T. F. Chamberlain	" "	W. C. Morrison.
" "	Robt. Robinson.	" "	Wm. Carrick.
R. "	Kivas Tully.	" "	John Dawson.

A Constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada was opened in ample form at 2.30 o'clock, p. m.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, having appointed R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonell, W. Bro. John E. Harding and W. Bro. H. G. Summers, a Committee on Credentials of Representatives from Lodges, reported the following as being present and entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge, viz. :

No. — *Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal, P. Q.*

W. Bro. John Urquhart, Jr. W. M.
R. " " M. Gutman, P. M.
V. " " F. C. Dettmers, P. M.

No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara, Ont.*

W. Bro. Robert Best, W. M.
" " John M. Clement, P. M.

No. 3. *St. John's Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*

V. W. Bro. E. H. Parker, (Proxy.)
R. " " Jas. A. Henderson, P. M.
" " " C. D. Maedonnell, P. M.

No. 4. *Dorchester Lodge, St. Johns' P. Q.*

W. Bro. Geo. H. Wilkinson, W. M.
" E. R. Smith, J. W.
V. " " J. V. Futvoye, P. M.

No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville, O.*

W. Bro. McKechnie, W. M.
M. " " W. B. Simpson, P. M.

No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton, O.*

W. Bro. Richard Brierley, W. M.
" S. F. Lazier, J. W.
R. " " Richard Bull, P. M.
V. " " W. T. Munday, P. M.
R. " " J. W. Murton, P. M.

No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby, O.*

W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, W. M.
" " Robert Kemp, P. M.

No. 8. *Nelson Lodge, Phillipsburgh, Q.*

W. Bro. L. W. Decker, W. M.

No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee, O.*

W. Bro. F. Richardson, W. M.
" E. S. D. Stevenson, J. W.

No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, O.*

- W. Bro W. P. Kelley, W. M.
 " W. H. Mulkins, S. W.
 " R. Thoroughgood, J. W.
 M. " " Wm. Mercer Wilson, P. M.
 V. " " John Wilson, P. M.
 " " Daniel Matthews, P. M.
 " " A. J. Donly, P. M.

No. 11. *Moirs Lodge, Belleville, O.*

- W. Bro. P. D. Conger, W. M.
 " Smith Stephens, S. W.
 " " Wm. Docter, P. M.
 V. " " A. Diamond, P. M.
 " " N. B. Falkiner, P. M.

No. 14. *True Briton's Lodge, Perth, O.*

- W. Bro. Thomas Brooke, J. W.
 " " W. J. Morris, P. M.

No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, O.*

- Bro. D. W. Bixby, S. W.
 V. W. " A. Chatfield, P. M.

No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, O.*

- W. Bro. Geo. Hodgetts, W. M.
 " Mark Bowman, S. W.
 " Wm. N. Howland, J. W.
 R. " " W. G. Storm, P. M.
 " " " Æmilus Irving, P. M.
 V. " " James Bain, P. M.
 " " " John Paterson, P. M.

No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, O.*

- W. Bro. R. Kincaid, (Proxy.)
 R. " " W. H. Weller, P. M.

No. 18. *Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton, O.*

- W. Bro. John Terrill, W. M.

No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal, Q.*

W. Bro. W. MacKenzie, W. M.
 " D. D. Mann, S. W.
 " S. R. Parsons, J. W.
 M. " " A. A. Stevenson, P. M.
 " " " A. Bernard, P. M.

No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London, O.*

W. Bro. M. D. Dawson, W. M.
 " Wm. McBride, S. W.
 R. " " James Moffat, P. M.

No. 21. *Zelland Lodge, Montreal, Q.*

W. Bro. John James Browne, W. M.
 " James Henderson, S. W.

No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, O.*

V. W. Bro. David McLellan, W. M.
 " Thomas Langton, J. W.
 " " " Aug. J. Houel, P. M.
 R. " " Daniel Spry, P. M.
 " Chas. L. Roberts, S. W.

No. 23. *Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill, O.*

W. Bro. A. M. Hood, W. M.
 " Alfred M. Lafferty, J. W.

No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, O.*

W. Bro. John F. Lash, W. M.
 " J. Widmer Rolph, J. W.
 V. " " R. P. Stephens, P. M.
 " " W. T. O'Reilly, P. M.
 " " " W. B. Harris, P. M.
 R. " " J. K. Kerr, P. M.
 " " " Marcellus Crombie, P. M.

No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, O.*

Bro. J. B. Trayes, S. W.
 " Edward Peplow, jr., J. W.

No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, O.*

V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle, W. M.

" J. J. Mason, S. W.

" " James M. Rogerson, P. M.

" " John S. Henderson, P. M.

No. 28. *Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptonville, O.*

W. Bro. R. Leslie, P. M. and Proxy.

" " Walter Kerr, P. M.

" " Wm. R. Anderson, P. M.

No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton, O.*

V. W. Bro. Joseph Davey, W. M.

" " A. E. Fife, P. M.

No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, O.*

W. Bro. C. A. Jones, W. M.

" John Stanton, S. W.

" Geo. Hopkins, J. W.

No. 31. *Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, O.*

R. W. Bro. J. Milne, W. M.

" R. Armour, S. W.

" Wm. Wright, P. M.

V. " " B. Patterson, P. M.

No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunnville, O.*

R. W. Bro. John Parry, P. M., (Proxy.)

" " Wm. Braund, P. M.

" " L. J. Weatherby, P. M.

No. 33. *Goderich Lodge, Goderich, O.*

W. Bro. D. Ferguson, W. M.

" J. Beck, J. W.

" " Harry Reed, P. M.

No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburgh, O.*

W. Bro. W. McGuire, W. M.

" Charles W. Thomas, S. W.

No. 35. *S. John's Lodge, Cayuga, O.*

W. Bro. J. Hoshal, W. M.

" " J. Hursell, P. M.

No. 36. *Welland Lodge, Fonihill, O.*

W. Bro. A. K. Scholfield, P. M., (Proxy.)
R. " " I. P. Willson, P. M.

No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, O.*

W. Bro. J. R. Walker, W. M.
R. " " P. J. Brown, P. M.
V. " " James Canfield, P. M.

No. 38. *Trent Lodge, Trenton, O.*

W. Bro. C. Francis, W. M.
" W. S. Barker, S. W.
R. " " J. W. Delany, P. M.
" " " H. W. Day, P. M.
" " Peter Begg, P. M.

No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin, O.*

W. Bro. J. P. Campbell, W. M.
" " W. B. Bickell, P. M.

No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton, O.*

R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Harris, W. M.
" C. R. Smith, S. W.
" Thos. Hill, J. W.

No. 41. *St. George's Lodge, Kingsville.*

R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, (Proxy.)

No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London, O.*

W. Bro. W. Skinner, W. M.

No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, O.*

V. W. Bro. John Paterson, W. M.
" " James S. Scarff, P. M.

No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, O.*

W. Bro. H. McK. Wilson, W. M.
" Rob Morton, S. W.
R. " " D. Curtis, P. M.
V. " " Fred. Mudge, P. M.

- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, O.*
 W. Bro. Wm. Carruthers, W. M.
 " John H. Luscombe, S. W.
 R. " " John E. Brooke, P. M.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor, O.*
 W. Bro. P. A. Craig, W. M.
 " James Radcliffe, S. W.
 " Andrew Whittaker, J. W.
 " " James Gibson, P. M.
- No. 48. *Mudoc Lodge, Mudoc, O.*
 W. Bro. N. B. Falkiner, (Proxy.)
- No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon, O.*
 R. W. Bro. H. W. Delany, (Proxy.)
- No. 51. *Corinthian Lodge, Grahamville, O.*
 W. Bro. Joseph Figg, W. M.
 " John Orr, S. W.
 " John Lamb, J. W.
- No. 53. *Stefford Lodge, Waterloo, O.*
 Bro. J. P. Noyes, J. W.
- No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple, O.*
 W. Bro. A. P. Conger, W. M.
 " Edward Pease, J. W.
- No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, O.*
 W. Bro. James F. Lister, W. M.
 " William Taylor, J. W.
 R. " " George Masson, P. M.
 " " " W. M. Jamieson, P. M.
- No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
 R. W. Bro. J. J. Gemmill, (Proxy.)
 " Thos. Bishell, S. W.
 " S. Rowe, J. W.
- No. 59. *Cerinthian Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
 R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, W. M.
 " " " W. J. B. McLeod Moore, P. M.
 " " Fred Maret, P. M.

- No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, O.*
 V. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, W. M.
 " " " Thos. White, Jr., P. M.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, O.*
 W. Bro. Chas. Hunter, W. M.
 " " D. E. Broderick, P. M.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London, O.*
 W. Bro. John Peel, W. M.
 " W. Carey, S. W.
 " H. A. Baxter, J. W.
 V. " " R. Lewis, P. M.
 " " Thos. F. McMullen, P. M.
- No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle, O.*
 W. Bro. R. T. Wilkinson, W. M.
 " Richard Hill, S. W.
 " Wm. T. Lockhart, J. W.
- No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, O.*
 V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, W. M.
 " E. Lounsbury, S. W.
- No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling, O.*
 W. Bro. Chas. Craige, W. M.
 V. " " George E. Bull, P. M.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt, O.*
 W. Bro. W. S. Burnett, W. M.
 R. " " Otto Klotz, P. M.
- No. 73. *St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, O.*
 W. Bro. D. M. Connell, S. W.
 " J. Thompson, J. W.
 " " John E. Harding, P. M.
- No. 74. *St. James' Lodge, Maitland, O.*
 W. Bro. John Morey, P. M. and Proxy.
 " " A. Burritt, P. M.

No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, O.*

W. Bro. W. L. Steiner, W. M.
R. " " A. De Grassi, P. M.
" " " John Kerr, P. M.
" " " Fred. J. Menet, P. M.

No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, O.*

W. Bro. E. A. H. Fauquier, W. M.

No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburgh, O.*

W. Bro. T. B. Bain, W. M.
" " L. A. Sinclair, P. M.

No. 79. *Simcoe Lodge, Bradford.*

W. Bro. H. S. Broughton, W. M.
" " B. Barnard, P. M.
" " John W. H. Wilson, P. M.

No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury, O.*

W. Bro. Geo. Mansfield, W. M.
" " W. D. McGlochon, P. M.

No. 81. *St. John's Lodge, Mount Brydges, O.*

V. W. Bro. Geo. Billington, W. M.

No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris, O.*

W. Bro. W. Winter, W. M.
" " W. S. Martin, P. M.

No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, O.*

W. Bro. John Lenfesty, jr., P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 84. *Clin'on Lodge, Clinton, O.*

W. Bro. D. M. Malloch, W. M.
" " Robert Matheson, S. W.

No. 85. *Rising Sun Lodge, Farmersville, O.*

W. Bro. T. F. Chamberlain, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, O.*

- W. Bro. R. Robinson, W. M.
 " Fred Clark, S. W.
 " F. Pearson, J. W.
 R. " " Kivas Tully, P. M.
 " " John Segsworth, P. M.

No. 87. *Markham Union Lodge, Markham, O.*

- W. Bro. Robert Vardon, W. M.
 V. " " D. McMurchy, P. M.
 " " H. R. Corson, P. M.

No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound, O.*

- W. Bro. D. A. Creasor, W. M.
 R. " " Henry Macpherson, P. M.
 " John Rutherford, S. W.

No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, O.*

- W. Bro. E. R. Carpenter, W. M.
 " J. Jardine, S. W.
 " " John Nettleton, P. M.
 V. " " Hy. Robertson, P. M.

No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne, O.*

- V. W. Bro. C. R. Ford, W. M.
 " J. Campbell, S. W.
 " T. W. Cumming, J. W.

No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, O.*

- Bro. Wm. Allen, J. W.
 R. W. " J. V. Noel, P. M.

No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, O.*

- W. Bro. Ross Robertson, W. M.
 " " James LeGear, P. M.
 " " Ben. Freer, P. M.
 " " C. R. Barker, P. M.

No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Otterville, O.*

- W. Bro. A. L. Wilcox, W. M.
 " Wm P. Conklin, S. W.

No. 96.

Corinthian Lodge, Barrie, O.

W. Bro. R. King, W. M.

" Alex. Hamilton, S. W.

" T. E. Rawson, J. W.

R. " " M. H. Spencer, P. M.

No. 97.

Sladron Lodge, Sharon, O.

W. Bro. Henry Mosier, W. M.

No. 98.

Tree Blue Lodge, Albion, O.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, (Proxy.)

No. 99.

Tuscon Lodge, Newmarket, O.

W. Bro. Jas. Sykes, P. M.

V. " " N. A. Gamble, P. M.

" " " A. Boulthce, P. M.

No. 100.

Valley Lodge, Dundas, O.

W. Bro. N. Greening, W. M.

" " F. H. L. Staunton, P. M.

No. 101.

Corinthian Lodge, Pelee Island, O.

W. Bro. R. Kincaid, W. M.

" " J. F. Dennistoun, S. W.

R. " " Vincent Clementi, P. M.

No. 103.

Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, O.

W. Bro. R. Struthers, W. M.

" Peter McCarthy, J. W.

R. " " James Seymour, P. M.

" " Geo. Groves, P. M.

" " John Dale, P. M.

No. 104.

St. John's Lodge, Norwichville, O.

W. Bro. James Haken, W. M.

" " John A. Tidey, P. M.

No. 105.

St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, O.

W. Bro. George Collins, W. M.

" " B. Noble, P. M.

" " Jacob Hartman, P. M.

" " John Bartle, P. M.

- No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford, O.*
W. Bro. W. G. Nelles, W. M.
V. " " Fred. Mudge, P. M.
- No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, O.*
W. Bro. James O'Connor, P. M.
" " D. B. Burch, P. M.
- No. 108. *Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo, O.*
Bro. Rev. Henry Bartlett, S. W.
- No. 109. *Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith, O.*
W. Bro. Joseph Purdy, W. M.
" " N. F. Dupuis, P. M.
- No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott, O.*
V. W. Bro. James Reynolds, W. M.
" A. W. Ferguson, S. W.
- No. 112. *Maitland Lodge, Goderich, O.*
W. Bro. H. Gardiner, W. M.
" " Isaac F. Toms, P. M.
" " B. Trainer, P. M.
" " G. M. Trueman, P. M.
- No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford, O.*
W. Bro. A. McMichael, W. M.
" Wm. Parney, S. W.
" L. Becker, J. W.
- No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope, O.*
W. Bro. J. Wright, W. M.
- No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder, Ont.*
W. Bro. G. W. Holwell, W. M.
" " John Dawson, P. M.
" " A. L. Proctor, P. M.
- No. 118. *Union Lodge, Lloydtown, O.*
W. Bro. H. G. Summers, W. M.
" A. Armstrong, S. W.
" " W. R. Jamison, P. M.

No. 119.

Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath, O.

Bro. J. J. Johnstone, J. W.

No. 120.

Warren Lodge, Fingal, O.

W. Bro. Malcolm Cameron, W. M.

No. 121.

Doric Lodge, Brantford, O.

Bro. Charles B. Heyd, S. W.

No. 123.

The Belleville Lodge, Belleville, O.

W. Bro. D. Pitceathly, W. M.

" W. A. Shepard, J. W.

R. " " L. H. Henderson, P. M.

No. 125.

Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall, O.

W. Bro. Henry W. Weber, W. M.

No. 126.

Golden Rule Lodge, Cambellsford, O.

W. Bro. James Dinwoodie, P. M., (Proxy.)

No. 127.

Franck Lodge, Frankford, O.

W. Bro. John N. Lee, W. M.

" " G. E. Fraser, P. M.

" " Geo. S. Graham, P. M.

No. 128.

Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke, O.

W. Bro. S. E. Mitchell, W. M.

" W. R. White, S. W.

" " A. Forbes, P. M.

No. 129.

The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, O.

W. Bro. T. G. Ransom, W. M.

" " Thomas Todd, P. M.

" " Seth Ashton, P. M.

" " W. Ireland, P. M.

" " R. W. Hillary, P. M.

No. 130.

Yamaska Lodge, Granby, Q.

W. Bro. H. D. Pickel, P. M., and Proxy.

No. 133.

Lebanon Forest Lodge, Franceston, O.

W. Bro. M. Eacrett, W. M.

- No 134. *Shawenegam Lodge, Three Rivers, Q.*
 R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, (Proxy.)
- No. 135. *St Clair Lodge, Milton, O.*
 W. Bro. J. H. Street, W. M.
 " J. A. Fraser, J. W.
 " " W. L. P. Eager, P. M.
 " " George Smith, P. M.
 " " Henry Watson, P. M.
- No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, O.*
 W. Bro. Francis Bickford, W. M.
 " G. R. Vanzant, S. W.
 V. " " James Bowman, P. M.
- No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge, Mcaford, O.*
 W. Bro. A. Burritt, W. M.
- No. 138. *Aylmer Lodge, Aylmer, Q.*
 W. Bro. Thomas F. McMullen, (Proxy.)
- No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, O.*
 W. Bro. John Boyd, W. M.
 " George English, J. W.
 R. " " William McCabe, P. M.
 " " " S. B. Fairbanks, P. M.
- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, O.*
 Bro. John Abbott, S. W.
 R. W. " T. Matheson, P. M.
- No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, O.*
 R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell, W. M.
 " H. C. Kennedy, J. W.
 " " T. F. Chamberlain, P. M.
- No. 143. *Friendly Brothers' Lodge, Iroquois, O.*
 W. Bro. James Stephenson, W. M.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, O.*
 W. Bro. Thomas Winter, W. M.
 R. " " Chas. Kahn, P. M.

- No. 145. *J. B. Hall Lodge, Millbrook, O.*
 Bro. J. W. Wallace, J. W.
V. W. " James Might, P. M.
- No. 146. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburgh, O.*
 W. Bro. H. W. Wright, W. M.
- No. 147. *Mississippi Lodge, Almonte, O.*
 W. Bro. B. Watson, W. M.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
 Bro. Henry J. Morgan, J. W.
M. W. " T. Douglas Harington, P. M.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, O.*
 W. Bro. Berkeley Powell, (Proxy.)
- No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings, O.*
 W. Bro. Wm. E. Roxburgh, P. M.
- No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin, O.*
 W. Bro. Charles Hendry, W. M.
 " J. A. Mackie, S. W.
- No. 153. *Burn's Lodge, Wyoming, O.*
 W. Bro. James McKay, W. M.
 " " W. Oliver, P. M.
- No. 154. *Irving Lodge, Lucan, O.*
 W. Bro. E. Patching, P. M.
- No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro', O.*
 W. Bro. Wm. Cameron, W. M.
 " Robert Taylor, S. W.
 " T. G. Winship, J. W.
- No. 156. *York Lodge, Eglington, O.*
 Bro. M. H. Keefer, S. W.
W. " Joseph Jackes, P. M.
- No. 157. *Simpson Lodge, Newboro', O.*
V. W. Bro. Thomas Camm, W. M.

- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, O.*
W. Bro. B. Smith, P. M.
" " T. Ellison, P. M.
- No. 159. *Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, O.*
V. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, (Proxy.)
- No. 160. *Quebec Garrison Lodge, Quebec, Q.*
R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Harris, (Proxy.)
- No. 161. *Percy Lodge, Warkworth, O.*
Bro. C. A. Mallery, J. W.
- No. 162. *Forest Lodge, Wroxeter, O.*
W. Bro. H. Gardiner, (Proxy.)
- No. 163. *Browne Lodge, West Farnham, Q.*
W. Bro. G. H. Kemp, S. W.
- No. 164. *Star in the East Lodge, Wellington, O.*
Bro. Edward Hill, S. W.
- No. 165. *Burlington Lodge, Wellington Square, O.*
W. Bro. Wm. Kerns, W. M.
" G. A. Bastedo, J. W.
W. " W. B. Simcoe Kerr, P. M.
- No. 166. *Wentworth Lodge, Stoney Creek, O.*
W. Bro. Walter McKay, W. M.
- No. 168. *Merritt Lodge, Welland, O.*
V. W. Bro. Moses Betts, (Proxy.)
- No. 169. *Macnab Lodge, Port Colborne, O.*
W. Bro. James R. Haun, W. M.
" " J. C. Karr, P. M.
- No. 170. *Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, O.*
W. Bro. Wm. Ballantyne, W. M.
- No. 171. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Iona, O.*
W. Bro. John Edgcombe, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 172.

Ayr Lodge, Ayr, O.

W. Bro. Thomas M. Anderson, W. M.

" Jacob Shoemaker, S. W.

" " A. Watson, P. M.

No. 173.

Victoria Lodge, Montreal, Q.

Bro. F. Craig, J. W.

No. 174.

Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan, O.

W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, W. M.

No. 175.

Saint John's Lodge, Mansonville, Q.

W. Bro. Robert Manson, W. M.

No. 176.

Spartan Lodge, Sparta, O.

W. Bro. Alexander Fraser, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 177.

The Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, O.

W. Bro. David Wilson, W. M.

" G. Levin, J. W.

No. 178.

Plattsville Lodge, Plattsville, O.

W. Bro. Frederic Butcher, W. M.

No. 179.

Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, O.

W. Bro. H. F. Smith, W. M.

No. 180.

Speed Lodge, Guelph, O.

V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe, W. M.

" Caleb Chase, S. W.

" " " J. M. Dunn, P. M.

No. 181.

Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell, O.

W. Bro. S. Leybourne, W. M.

No. 183.

Prince Albert Lodge, Prince Albert, O.

W. Bro. Abner Hurd, jr., W. M.

" John Currie, S. W.

" Arch. Sinclair, J. W.

" " James Emaney, P. M.

- No. 184. *Old Light Lodge, Lucknow, O.*
W. Bro. Robert L. Hunter, W. M.
" Walter Treleavin, S. W.
" James Somerville, P. M.
- No. 185. *Enniskillen Lodge, York, O.*
W. Bro. A. W. Thompson, W. M.
" J. B. Holden, P. M.
- No. 186. *Plantagenet Lodge, Plantagenet, O.*
W. Bro. W. A. Chamberlain, W. M.
- No. 187. *Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburgh, Q.*
W. Bro. C. H. Boright, W. M.
" James O'Halloran, J. W.
" E. Racicot, P. M.
" H. D. Pickel, P. M.
- No. 189. *Filius Viduæ Lodge, Adolphustown, O.*
W. Bro. E. H. Smith, W. M.
" J. C. Chamberlain, P. M.
- No. 192. *Orillia Lodge, Orillia, O.*
W. Bro. Robt. Ramsay, W. M.
" Thos. S. Atkinson, J. W.
- No. 193. *Scotland Lodge, Scotland, O.*
W. Bro. T. O. Prowse, W. M.
V. " Fred. Mudge, P. M.
- No. 194. *Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia, O.*
W. Bro. Daniel Trotter, W. M.
" John Tracy, P. M.
- No. 195. *The Tuscan Lodge, London, O.*
R. W. Bro. Thompson Wilson, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 196. *Madawaska Lodge, Arnprior, O.*
R. W. Bro. J. J. Gemmill, (Proxy.)

- No. 197. *Saugeen Lodge, Walkerton, O.*
W. Bro. E. A. Healey, W. M.
 " G. Landerkin, S. W.
 " " H. B. O'Connor, P. M.
- No. 198. *White Oak Lodge, Oakville, O.*
W. Bro. Geo. K. Chisholm, P. M., (Proxy.)
- No. 200. *St. Alban's Lodge, Mount Forest, O.*
W. Bro. W. W. Winfield, W. M.
 " " Sir W. Colles, Kt., P. M.
- No. 201. *Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, O.*
Bro. S. M. Cameron, S. W.
- No. 202. *Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal, Q.*
W. Bro. Chas. Storer, W. M.
- No. 203. *Irvine Lodge, Elora, O.*
W. Bro. John Smith, W. M.
 " W. J. McElroy, S. W.
 " " A. B. Petrie, P. M.
- No. 205. *New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg, O.*
Bro. Andrew Heppler, S. W.
- No. 207 *Lancaster Lodge, Lancaster, O.*
W. Bro. A. McGregor, W. M.
 " J. W. MacEdward, J. W.
- No. 209. *Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, O.*
W. Bro. Robert Pollock, W. M.
 " Thos. Watchorn, S. W.
- No. 210. *Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury, O.*
V. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, (Proxy.)
- No. 211. *Brome Lake Lodge, Knowlton, Q.*
W. Bro. C. D. Smith, W. M.
 " A. E. Kimball, J. W.
 " " H. D. Pickel, P. M.

- No. 212. *Elysian Lodge, Garden Island, O.*
W. Bro. Robert Nancollas, W. M.
- No. 213. *Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway, O.*
W. Bro. J. N. Fullmer, W. M.
- No. 214. *Craig Lodge, Ailsa Craig, O.*
W. Bro. E. A. Mumford, W. M.
- No. 215. *Lake Lodge, Roblin's Mills, O.*
W. Bro. Edward Roblin, P. M., (Proxy.)
" N. A. Peterson, S. W.
" Wm. G. Stafford, J. W.
- No. 216. *Harris Lodge, Orangeville, O.*
W. Bro. S. H. McKitrick, W. M.
- No. 218. *Stevenson Lodge, Toronto, O.*
W. Bro. W. C. Morrison, W. M.
" Bro. E. Hollingshead, S. W.
" J. W. Burns, J. W.

UNDER DISPENSATION.

- Credit Lodge, Georgetown, O.*
V. W. Bro. J. M. Dunn, W. M.
" S. Page, S. W.
- Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, O.*
W. Bro. George H. Dartnell, W. M.
- Mountain Lodge, Thorold, O.*
W. Bro. John Dale, W. M.
- Marmora Lodge, Marmora, O.*
V. W. George E. Bull, W. M.
- Norwood Lodge, Norwood, O.*
W. Bro. W. E. Roxburgh, W. M.
" George Mitchell, S. W.
- Zurich Lodge, Zurich, O.*
W. Bro. W. Carrick, W. M.

Bernard Lodge, Listowel, O.

Bro. Geo. Rodernich, S. W.

Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal, Q.

Bro. Wm. McCoy, S. W.

Sutton Lodge, Sutton Flats, Q.

W. Bro. E. Racicot, W. M.

Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa, O.

Bro. B. A. Booth, S. W.

Kerr Lodge, Bell Ewart, O.

V. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson, W. M.

Ionic Lodge, Brampton, O.

W. Bro. Joseph A. Fife, W. M.

“ Geo. Green, S. W.

“ A. B. Scott, J. W.

Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, O.

Bro. A. H. Matthewman, S. W.

Cameron Lodge, Wallacetown, O.

W. Bro. John Edgcombe, W. M.

Doric Lodge, Park Hill, O.

W. Bro. John Dawson, W. M.

“ Wm. McKellar, S. W.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing to the visitors' gallery.

The Grand Secretary read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the Minutes of the last Annual Communication when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Fourteenth Annual Communication held at the City of Montreal on the 14th, 15th and 16th days of July, A. D. 1869, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the Lodges, the same be considered read and now confirmed.

And also were read the Minutes of a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Belleville on the 12th day of August, A. D. 1869, convened for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Deaf and Dumb Asylum, which were, on motion, confirmed.

The Minutes of proceedings of a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held at the City of Montreal, on the 1st and 2nd of December, A. D. 1869, convened for the purpose of adopting such measures as may be deemed necessary in view of the recent rebellion and secession of certain Lodges and Brethren, &c., were read, and

On motion of R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, confirmed.

As likewise were read the Minutes of a Special Communication of Grand Lodge held at Odessa, Ont., on the 16th May, A. D. 1870, convened for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a new Episcopal Methodist Church, which were, on motion, confirmed.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered the following address to the Brethren in Grand Lodge assembled :

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA:

Another year—a most important one in our history having passed away, we are assembled again in annual communication, to consider measures for the advancement and prosperity of our beloved institution. Let us, with becoming gratitude, recognise the goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe, who has so mercifully preserved us in life and health, bestowed upon us countless blessings, and given us a fair measure of prosperity. Let us also reverently look up to Him for wisdom to direct our deliberations at this communication, so that all we do may be conducive to the promotion of His glory and the well-being of our fellow-men.

I do not intend to occupy much of the time of the Grand Lodge with an opening address, which can be more profitably employed in the consideration of the various important questions that are to be brought forward. I will, therefore, only refer to certain official acts with which it is necessary you should be made acquainted, and perhaps advert briefly to one or two other matters requiring remark.

The number of new Lodges established by Dispensation during the past year was fifteen. Great care was taken to obtain reliable information as to the need for more Lodges in the respective Districts in which they were sought to be located, and the probability of their being able to work without detriment to the Lodges already existing in the immediate vicinity; and I am happy to say that in nearly every instance the replies were most satisfactory. The applications were all accompanied by the usual recommendations, and certificates were also furnished me that the Brethren selected for the position of Worshipful Masters were fully competent to confer the Degrees. It gives me great pleasure to state in this connection that, in March last, the members of "Goderich Union Lodge," No. 720, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, unanimously adopted a series of resolutions, resigning their English Warrant, and desiring, in exchange, a Warrant from the

Grand Lodge of Canada. The resolutions were carefully drawn, and all their proceedings being perfectly regular and constitutional, I felt it to be my duty to comply with their request and instructed Grand Secretary to accept their English Warrant, and forward it to the Grand Lodge of England, together with a certified copy of the resolutions adopted by the Lodge. In accordance with previous arrangement, they were to get the nearest vacant number to that which they would have received, had they originally affiliated with this Grand Lodge. The Lodge is therefore now known as Goderich Lodge, No. 33, on our Grand Register.

The following are the names of Lodges under dispensation with their location and date of organization, viz.:

1. Credit Lodge, Georgetown, O., 27th Sept., 1869.
2. Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, O., 11th Oct., 1869.
3. Mountain Lodge, Thorold, O., 12th Oct., 1869.
4. Marmora Lodge, Marmora, O., 16th Oct., 1869.
5. Norwood Lodge, Norwood, O., 16th Nov., 1869.
6. Zurich Lodge, Zurich, O., 13th Dec., 1869.
7. Bernard Lodge, Listowel, O., 14th Dec., 1869.
8. Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal, P. Q., 3rd March, '70.
9. Sutton Lodge, Sutton Flats, P. Q., 4th March, 1870.
10. Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa, O., 18th March, 1870.
11. Ionie Lodge, Brampton, O., 14th April, 1870.
12. Kerr Lodge, Bell Ewart, O., 14th April, 1870.
13. Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, O., 29th April, 1870.
14. Cameron Lodge, Walkerton, O., 28th April, 1870.
15. Doric Lodge, Park Hill, O., 4th July, 1870.

AFFILIATED.

16. Goderich Union, No. 720, English Register, and now known as "Goderich" Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, O.

Requests were received from several Grand Lodges for an exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of Canada. The distinguished Brethren appointed to represent these Grand Bodies, near this Grand Lodge, will doubtless

in due time present their credentials. I have named and accredited the following Brethren to represent our Grand Lodge near their Grand Lodges, viz. :

R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Gouley, Grand Sec., near the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

M. W. Bro. Henry R. Cannon, P. G. M., near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

M. W. Bro. H. P. Denel, G. M., near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

R. W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, G. S. W., near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

R. W. Bro. Samuel C. Fleming, (Bellows Falls) near the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

R. W. Bro. Col. Wm. S. Fish, of Mystic Bridge, near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R. W. Bro. Thomas W. Chubbuck, near the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

R. W. Bro. William H. Fraser, near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

In consequence of the removal from this country of R. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson, D.D.G.M. for the Bedford District, it was found to be necessary to fill the vacancy thus caused. The Book of Constitution provides that "The Grand Master may, by a written document, direct the Grand Registrar to take charge of any District for which there is not a District Deputy Grand Master," but owing to the peculiar state of Masonic affairs in that District it was to be expected that questions would arise requiring the personal superintendence of the officer in charge. I therefore deemed it of essential importance that some competent Brother, resident in the District, should be selected. I communicated my views to the present Grand Registrar, R. W. Bro. Fairbanks who, in the most courteous manner, concurred therein, and having consulted some of the officers of Lodges in that District, I appointed W. Bro. Horace D. Pickel, P. M. of Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburg, who has since discharged the duties of D. D. G. M. in the District of Bedford, with great zeal and ability.

Emergent Communications of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of laying foundation stones, were held at the following times and places, viz.: On the 12th of August, 1869, at Belleville, Ont., foundation stone of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum; on the 16th of May, 1870, at Odessa, Ont., foundation stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On both occasions I had the honor of presiding and officiating.

On the 17th of May, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Seymour, D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Wilson, D. D. G. M. for the Hamilton District, R. W. Bro. Harris, Grand Secretary, and others, I had the pleasure of meeting a large number of the Hamilton Brethren, in the Lodge of Strict Observance, and of witnessing the presentation of a very beautiful address, and an elegant Past Master's Jewel, to V. W. Bro. Pringle, the able and talented W. M. of that Lodge. On the following evening, I enjoyed the privilege of meeting several hundred of the Toronto Brethren, assembled in their commodious Lodge Room, under the direction of R. W. Bro. Kerr, the D. D. G. M. for that District, Stevenson Lodge being in session. There were also a number of the officers and Past Grand officers of the Grand Lodge, amongst whom was R. W. Bro. Harman, the present Mayor of the city. On both these occasions the fraternal sentiments expressed afforded evidence of the harmony and good feeling prevailing amongst the members of their respective Lodges, and I deem it due to them to acknowledge thus publicly the friendly and fraternal consideration and the bounteous hospitality extended to me by the Brethren of Hamilton and Toronto.

In January, I had the great gratification of meeting with the Brethren of New Jersey, at the annual Communication of their Grand Lodge, held at the City of Trenton. This was the first Grand Lodge which I had the honor of visiting in the United States and I was greatly impressed with the strict order which characterised all their proceedings, and the high respect for authority manifested throughout the session. The reports presented gave unmistakable evidence of the prosperous condition of Freemasonry within the jurisdiction of that State. From M. W. Bros. Canning,

Rusling and Whitehead, and R. W. Bros. Pine, Corson, and others, I received the greatest fraternal courtesy.

In pursuance of an invitation extended to me by the Committee of Arrangements, I had the honor of being present at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York, held on the 7th of last month and following days, and of assisting at the laying of the foundation stone of the proposed Masonic Hall or Temple, now being erected at the corner of 6th Avenue and 23rd streets, in the City of New York. Representatives were present from about 600 Lodges, besides many distinguished visitors from sister Grand Lodges, amongst whom were two highly esteemed officers of our own Grand Lodge—R. W. Bro. Seymour, D. G. M., and R. W. Bro. McCabe, D. D. G. M. Ontario, M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M. of New Brunswick, and several of his Grand officers, were also present at that interesting ceremony. The procession was said to be the largest and most imposing Masonic demonstration ever witnessed in the City of New York. The numbers present in the ranks, were variously estimated at from 8,000 to 15,000. The marshalling of this vast number was accomplished with marvellous ease, the column being in motion promptly at the hour agreed upon, reflecting great credit upon the Committee of Arrangements, and especially upon R. W. Bro. Herrick, the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies. From the Grand Master downwards, the Brethren were all clothed alike—the regalia consisting of a white linen apron, white gloves, and the jewel attached to the left breast. No collars or other insignia were permitted to be worn in the procession. The foundation stone was laid by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James Gibson, of Salem, N. Y., ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Anthon, Dep. G. M., (now G. M.) and R. W. Bros. Fox and Judson, respectively G. S. W. and G. J. W. The visiting brethren were most courteously received by the Grand Officers just mentioned, and by M. W. Bro. Simons, and R. W. Bro. Dr. Austin, Grand Secretary, and others. The Banquet was held at the Apollo Hall, on the evening of the 8th, to which all visitors from abroad were invited.

During the year a great variety of questions have been submitted to me for opinion or decision, to all of which I gave such attention as the respective cases seemed to require; and it occurred to me, while performing this duty, that if it were possible to preserve and publish, in a condensed form, the various decisions of Grand Masters from year to year, and the action taken by Grand Lodge on subjects not embraced within the scope of the provisions of the Book of Constitution, it would form a very valuable Canadian Masonic Jurisprudence, which might be often referred to, and prove exceedingly useful alike to Grand Lodge officers and those of subordinate Lodges.

During the past two years, several *District Grand Lodges of Instruction* have been organised within this jurisdiction, which have been attended with most beneficial results. Two of these were held since our last Annual Communication—one in the District of Toronto and the other in the Ontario District. R. W. Bros. Kerr and McCabe, the D. D. G. Ms. for these Districts, conducted the business with great ability, and the marked success which crowned their efforts must have been extremely gratifying to these R. W. Brethren, and to all who had the good fortune to be present at those meetings. I trust that the good example set by these zealous brethren will be followed in every District throughout our jurisdiction. I regard such meetings as one of the most effective methods of imparting Masonic instruction, and under proper management they might be made conducive to the speedy accomplishment of what has long been a desideratum—*entire uniformity of work*.

The reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters on the state of Masonry, are on the whole satisfactory. But for the unhappy differences existing in the Province of Quebec, the Craft might be said to enjoy almost undisturbed harmony. Since the Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge, held on the 1st December last, the members of several of our Lodges who had been deprived of their masonic rights and privileges by the action of some of their number, whose sympathies were in favor of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, made application to me to be

maintained in the rights guaranteed to them by our own Book of Constitution ; and as my action in regard to these Lodges has been sadly misrepresented, I deem it necessary to give, in full, the documents I issued, so that the Grand Lodge may be placed in possession of the facts, and thereby be enabled to understand the true position of affairs. To prevent repetition, the applications are not given here, as the action taken indicates their purport. The following was issued in reference to Victoria Lodge, No. 173 :

To all whom it may Concern,

GREETING :

Whereas, it has been represented to me, that the Warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of Canada to the Victoria Lodge, No. 173, Montreal, is now, and has been for a period of more than one month, held and retained by a Brother, who still declines to place it in possession of the loyal members of that Lodge, and whereas, it appears that W. Bro. Henry J. Gear, W. M., and Bro. J. T. McMinn, the Senior Warden, are not in accord with the membership of Victoria Lodge, twenty-seven of whom have declared their determination to remain true to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada :

Therefore, I do, by these presents, authorise Bro. Robert Murray, the Junior Warden, to summon the meetings of the aforesaid Victoria Lodge, No. 173, G. R. C., until the next election and installation of officers, in the same manner as if the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden were both absent, and in case the Warrant should not be forthcoming or available at the next or subsequent meetings of the aforesaid Victoria Lodge, I further authorise the business of said Lodge to be transacted, and its work performed as heretofore, under the Warrant of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this 6th day of December, 1869.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

Early in January, I received the following communication from R. W. Bro. Walker, D. D. G. M., for the District of Quebec :

QUEBEC, 2nd January, 1870.

A. A. STEVENSON, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Master G. L., Canada,

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother,—I greet you with the compliments of this festive season, and trust that you may live to enjoy many returns of its cheering association; and that at the next advent of "New Year's Day" you will find yourself free from the many harassing cares and anxieties which beset you at the close of the year just past, and, I am afraid, beset you still.

In accordance with my promise, I now proceed to give you the details connected with the defalcation of Harington Lodge. It appears that at the meeting of Grand Lodge in Montreal, on the 1st December last, when the representative of the Lodge, W. Bro. Burnstein, W. M., went forward to sign his name in the register, it was found that "No. 49 Harington Lodge" had been omitted altogether; and the Grand Registrar then asked W. Bro. Burnstein "if his Lodge was still faithful to the Grand Lodge of Canada?" W. Bro. Burnstein's reply, as I have been informed, was "It is, as yet." After some further conversation at the Registrar's table, it was proposed to enter the Lodge in the register at the end of the list. To this W. Bro. McCallum, P. M., who was also present at the time demurred; and at his suggestion, the "No." and "name of the Lodge were interlined at the proper place. The omission and the question put to him—a question, he says, not put to any one but himself—seemed to have irritated W. Bro. Burnstein very much, it being, in his opinion, tantamount to a declaration that G. L. considered Harington Lodge as having gone over to the enemy; and on his return to Quebec, kept harping on this string continually and incessantly, and would not listen to any common-sense explanation, that the omission might merely have been a clerical error; while with regard to the question put to him, I myself considered it out of place. I may mention that W. Bro. Burnstein has all along been a sympathizer with the new movement; and dwelling upon what he termed an insult to the Lodge, he soon gathered the malcontents around him; and these Brethren aided and abetted by W. Bro. Bowen, late of St. Andrew's Lodge, R.S., worked strenuously in the cause of rebellion; and worked so well that at the regular meeting, held on the 16th December, when I laid before them the resolution you wanted altered, W. Bro. Tweddell said that the motion was his, and that he would not make, or allow to be made, any alteration in it; that if it was indefinite, he was now prepared to make

another motion which he hoped would be definite enough. He then made a motion that Harington Lodge join the G. L. of Q. This motion I would not allow to be put; and ably assisted by W. Bro. McCallum and some few members who remained still true to their colors, the motion was modified to read as follows:

“That a Committee be appointed to consider the state of Freemasonry in Canada, and the advisability of forming a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec.”

This much being accomplished, and having an important engagement, I retired, leaving W. Bro. McCallum to watch proceedings. Nothing further transpired, except the appointment of the Committee; and as a proof of W. Bro. Burnstein's Masonic knowledge, he actually appointed me as one of its members, even although apart from my position in the Craft, I was not present at the time. I received due notice of the meeting of the Committee, and attended at the appointed time and place, and found the Committee to consist of: V. W. Bro. Joncas, W. Bro. Tweddell, Bro. John Hunter, Bro. Nathan Burnstein, Bro. John Hurds, and W. Bro. S. J. Burnstein, W. M., *ex officio*. I then informed the W. M. that he had made a sad mistake, not only in naming me upon such a committee, but in appointing such a committee at all, before complying with the regulations laid down for guidance in our Constitution. I then told the Committee that, as a matter of course, I would not act with them, and pointed out the illegality and unconstitutionality of their meeting then at all. My arguments were quite unheeded; and knowing that all there present were ripe and ready for revolt, I thought it was throwing water on a drowned mouse to talk any longer, so left them to their own inventions. Previous to the Committee meeting, summonses had been issued for an emergent meeting for the 23rd December, in which the business was stated to be “to take into,” &c., an exact copy of the resolution, leaving out the appointment of the Committee I have already quoted, but not a word about the reception of the Committee report. The Lodge room was crowded; partisans of malcontents had been gathered together from all conceivable quarters, and I saw at a glance that they would carry all before them, when it came to be a question of numbers. The Lodge having been duly opened, V. W. Bro. Joncas rose to read the report of the Committee. I at once protested against any such report being read or received; that the Committee and its proceedings were alike irregular and illegal; and that according to the summons no such business was to be enter-

tained that evening. I addressed them at some length on the manner in which the business of the Lodge had latterly been conducted; and the opposing party, finding that my remarks appeared to have taken some effect, even upon themselves, agreed to give up reading the report, and quashing the proceeding of the Committee. However, it was simply "out of the frying-pan into the fire," for the secessionists fell back upon the motion in the summons, and on that passed a resolution to join the so-called "G. L. of Q.," and to have the officers installed under its registry on St. John's day. To this resolution, we could only muster six dissentient voices; and on its being announced as carried I at once, in due form, declared Harington Lodge, No. 49, under the G. R. of C., its officers and members, with the exception of such officers and members as remained true in their allegiance to the G. L. of C., duly suspended from all Masonic powers and privileges until the decision of the M. W. the Grand Master of the G. L. of Canada, was made known in the matter. I then called all the Brethren, faithful to the G. L. of C., to retire with me, which we accordingly did.

On St. John's day, at half-past one, p.m., the Lodge again met; and after all the members had met together, with a whole host of the Quebec rebel elite, and just as they were about to open, I stood forth in the centre of the Lodge-room; and having informed all present that Harington Lodge having been duly suspended, its present meeting was illegal: and that it could hold no meetings until your decision on the subject had been known. I then read the document I have already forwarded to you; and in my own name and that of the Brethren whose names were appended thereto, I demanded, three separate times, the surrender into our keeping of the Warrant of Harington Lodge, No. 49, under the G. R. of C. The W. M. refused to deliver it up; and I then told him always to bear in mind that, no matter what he and his followers might do, he would never have it in his power to say that No. 49 had gone over to an illegal and irregular body of Masons. I left; and I understand that the officers were installed under a dispensation from our friend J. H. G. Of course, they have carried away all the books, jewels, &c., with the exception of those of the Treasurer, which are in the hands of W. Bro. McCallum; and I have given him orders not to deliver them up to any one, or obey any requisition from the rebels, until your pleasure is known. I have also heard it whispered, and I believe it is true, that as Bros. Bowen, Veasey, Bowles,

Leggatt and Thomson, are the managing men of the Masonic Hall Association, should you send us a Warrant, they will not allow us to meet in their rooms. Now, as we have no furniture, jewels, or anything in fact, I would like very much to get your advice on this subject; because to tell the truth, in all my Masonic reading or experience, circumstances similar to those we are now wading through never came under my observation.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Believe me to remain

Yours fraternally,

[Signed.]

A. WALKER,

D. D. G. M., Quebec.

A protest has been served upon the W. Master, a copy of which follows:

QUEBEC, 27th December, 1869.

We, the undersigned, members of Harington Lodge, No. 49, on the Grand Registry of Canada, A. F. and A. M., after due deliberation and mature consideration on the action taken by W. Bro. Burnstein, W. M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Joncas and Tweddell, and others, members of said Lodge, in unlawfully and unconstitutionally forcing their opinions on us, also members of the said Lodge, and passing a resolution not in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as the by-laws of Harington Lodge, and the landmarks of the Order, having for its object the joining of an irregular and illegal body of Masons, styling itself the "Grand Lodge of Quebec," a body which we do not recognise as being in existence, the more especially as its aim is the dismemberment of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and the said Harington Lodge having, in consequence of such action, been duly suspended by the R. W. Bro. Alexander Walker, D. D. G. M. for the District of Quebec: We hereby affix our names to this document, pledging ourselves to discountenance all such unlawful proceedings, and to demand and keep the Warrant, &c., &c., of Harington Lodge, No. 49, Grand Registry of Canada, until the decision of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada is obtained; and we also pledge ourselves at all times to oppose any and all proceed-

ings which may be taken, or attempted to be taken, by seceding Brethren already referred to, under the Warrant of Harington Lodge, No. 49, Grand Registry of Canada.

ALEX. WALKER, D. D. G. M.

ARCH'D. McCALLUM, P. M.

RICHARD HUDSON.

HENRY SMITH.

JOHN DONALDSON.

PETER BROGAN.

JAMES GLEN JAMIESON.

T. H. McCUSKILL.

With reference to the forgoing, I may here state, that as the Warrant, furniture, &c., had been taken possession of by the seceding Brethren, and as it appeared that there was no prospect of their being permitted to meet in the room they formerly occupied, I preferred leaving the case to be dealt with by Grand Lodge. Our constitution on the question raised here, is very explicit. Under the head of "Private Lodges," Sec. 33, it is enacted: "As every Warranted Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a Warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any Lodge shall determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution or power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided their number be not less than seven," &c., &c. Eight names are appended to the Harington Lodge protest and demand.

Next follows a copy of the action taken on the application of Browne Lodge, No. 163, viz.:

Whereas a memorial has been presented to me by a number of the members of Browne Lodge, No. 163, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, setting forth: "That in the month of November last past at a meeting of said Lodge, the Warrant was treacherously and falsely obtained from the Master, and then and there, without any regular vote of the members of said Lodge, certain members

of the Lodge did then and there rebel against the authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and did then transfer their allegiance to the would-be Grand Lodge of Quebec, together with the Warrant, Books, Jewels, &c., belonging to said Lodge, and that since that time the memorialists, members of said Lodge, remaining loyal to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and refusing to recognise the authority of the would-be Grand Lodge of Quebec, have, in consequence, been deprived from meeting in their said Lodge." Wherefore, the memorialists "pray that a duplicate Warrant of said Browne Lodge be granted to them, free of charge, authorising them to meet at the Village of Adamsville, County of Brome and the District of Bedford, in the Province of Quebec, ' &c., &c., &c.

And, whereas, after due deliberation, I deem it to be my duty to comply with the prayer of the memorialists—Therefore, by virtue of the power vested in me as Grand Master, I do by these presents authorise and empower the Brethren, whose names are appended to the memorial, viz.: W. Bros. G. H. Kemp, W. M.; Chas. Browne, P. M.; E. H. Higgins, P. M.; E. Racicot, P. M.; and Bros. Ira Scott, Thomas Ferguson, David Goddard, Elias Clow, John W. Knight, Peter A. Martin, and William Rider, to continue as heretofore the work and business of Browne Lodge, No. 163 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the meetings of said Lodge to be held at the Village of Adamsville, aforesaid.

And inasmuch as the election of officers for the present year could not, for obvious reasons, be held at the time provided for in the By-laws, I further authorise the members of Browne Lodge to proceed forthwith to the election and installation of a Worshipful Master, Wardens and other officers, who shall continue in office for the balance of the present year, or until the period fixed by the by-laws for holding such election.

And for the performance of the acts hereinbefore enumerated, this shall be sufficient authority, until the Lodge be placed in possession of the original warrant, or a duplicate thereof be granted.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

Certain members of Nelson Lodge also forwarded a Memorial, a purport of which may be gathered from the following :

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,—

GREETING :

Whereas, it appears from a Memorial presented to me, signed by certain Brethren, members of Nelson Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 8 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, that at the regular communication of that Lodge held on the 17th of March last, the Worshipful Master and certain other Brethren, constituting a majority of the members present on that evening adopted without previous notice, a resolution renouncing their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and recognizing the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. That the Warrant of the Lodge was taken possession of by these seceding Brethren, and is yet retained by them. That the Memorialists remain true to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and are desirous of carrying on the work of the Lodge as heretofore under that jurisdiction, and they now pray that a duplicate Warrant or Dispensation be granted to enable them to do so.

Therefore, having duly considered the Memorial aforesaid and conceiving it to be my duty to comply with the prayer of the Memorialists, I do, by these presents, authorize and empower R. W. Bro. H. Montgomery, P. M. and Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. L. W. Decker, P. M. and Grand Pursuivant, W. Bro. P. E. Luke, P. M. and Secretary, Bro. J. Q. Carr, Senior Warden, Bro. L. Strite, Treasurer, Bro. D. T. R. Nye, Inner Guard, and Bro. F. A. Hogle, with such others as may be associated with them, to continue the work of Nelson Lodge, No. 8, as heretofore, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and for so doing this shall be sufficient authority until the original Warrant shall be restored, or a duplicate thereof granted.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, this second day of May, 1870.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

These presents are also to give authority to Nelson Lodge to elect a Worshipful Master and Junior Warden (if found to be necessary) who may serve in these capacities until the period prescribed in the By-laws for the election of officers.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

From the foregoing, Grand Lodge will be able to perceive the difficult position in which many Brethren have been placed by the unconstitutional action of those members of Lodges favouring the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and I entertain no doubt that the Grand Lodge will not only extend its sympathy, but its active support, to maintain these Lodges in the exercise of their Masonic rights and privileges.

A further application was made in the month of April, by W. Bro. Dr. Campbell, the W. M. of Victoria Lodge, No. 173, which I subjoin:.

MONTREAL, 26th April, 1870.

A. A. STEVENSON, Esq., G. M.

MY DEAR SIR AND BRO.—As you are already aware, early last fall, at the time of the attempted formation of the so-called G. Lodge of Quebec, one or two members of Victoria Lodge, 173, G. R. C., who attempted to transfer the allegiance of the Lodge, took possession of its Charter, and had it endorsed by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, with a view of the Lodge being continued under the new register. A very large majority of the members of Victoria Lodge, however, desiring to continue under the G. R. C., applied to you for authority so to do, which you kindly granted, and under this it has worked ever since.

The Lodge is now in a flourishing condition, and finding that there is no probability of regaining their old Charter they are desirous of obtaining the favor of a duplicate from the G. L. of Canada, and I have been requested to ask your kind offices in the matter.

The persecution which Victoria Lodge has had to sustain in consequence of its adhesion to its mother Grand Lodge

leads me to hope that you, as well as the Grand Lodge of Canada, will look favorably upon this request.

I am, dear Sir and Bro.,

Fraternally yours,

FRANCIS W. CAMPBELL, M. D., &c.,
W. M. Victoria, 173, G.R.C.

There is no question whatever in my mind that the Brethren of those Lodges are entitled to duplicate Warrants; yet, after mature deliberation, I concluded it would be the proper course to defer taking any action until the meeting of the Grand Lodge. My reasons for this decision were simply these: That in the meantime they were in possession of sufficient authority to continue their work as heretofore; and 2nd, That possibly, in some cases, the originals might have been forthcoming or available previous to that date. The Lodge of Antiquity, and Shawenegam Lodge, No. 134 (whose Warrants were abstracted last fall), are also entitled to be furnished with duplicates.

The Lodges at present working in the Province of Quebec under our jurisdiction, are eighteen (18) in number, viz.:

Lodge of Antiquity.....	Montreal.
Dorchester, No. 4.....	St. Johns.
Nelson, No. 8	Phillipsburgh.
St. George's, No. 19.....	Montreal.
Zetland, No. 21	do.
Shefford, No. 53	Waterloo.
Yamaska, No. 130	Granby.
Shawenegam, No. 134.....	Three Rivers.
Aylmer, No. 138.....	Aylmer.
Quebec Garrison, No. 160.....	Quebec.
Browne, No. 163	Adamsville.
Victoria, No. 173	Montreal.
St. John's, No. 175.....	Mansonville.
Royal Canadian, No. 187.....	Sweetsburgh.
Mount Royal, No. 202	Montreal.
Brome Lake, No. 211.....	Knowlton.
Mount Moriah, U. D.	Montreal.
Sutton, U. D.....	Sutton Flats.

There are still other matters to which I would have adverted, had time permitted, but I have already occupied much more space than I contemplated at the outset. There remains, however, this vitally important question to be considered—What is to be done in the present position of affairs? The question is one which is more easily asked than answered, and its consideration may well occasion anxiety in the mind of every member of Grand Lodge. The determination arrived at in this case will be viewed with interest throughout both continents, and its influence will be felt far and wide. Grand Lodge sovereignty is in reality upon its trial, and the masonic world are looking on with deep concern. The line of action adopted now will not only be fraught with momentous consequences to ourselves, but will exercise an immense influence, for good or for evil, upon the future of Freemasonry in other countries. It becomes us, then, to consider well what that action should be, so that no false step may be taken which might prove injurious to Freemasonry, and be a source of regret to us for years to come. Entertaining, as I do, a firm conviction that the conclusions arrived at in December last were based upon correct Masonic principle, I cannot be expected to concur with those who are ready to yield everything for the sake of peace, or even a questionable expediency; nor can I bring my mind to believe that Grand Lodge organizations ought to be tossed about, swept away, or destroyed, at the whim or caprice of statesmen or politicians, whenever they may find it convenient or necessary to make even such alterations as were made here about three years ago. This would, in my humble opinion, be placing the fate and destiny of Grand Lodges in the hands of men who may not even be members of our order. Look at the question in another point of view. Suppose the Local Governments and Legislatures of these four Provinces to be abolished, and the business of the Dominion to be entrusted to only one Government—a mere Legislative Union in fact—would it be necessary, then, (or possible, if necessary,) to disorganize the Grand Lodges existing at that time within the Dominion, and form only one Grand

Lodge for the entire territory? Certainly not. Yet this is the exact converse of the proposition so boldly advanced, and so strenuously urged by many well-intentioned, though in my judgment, mistaken Brethren.

A retrospect of the two years during which I have had the high honor of presiding over the Grand Lodge of Canada calls up in my mind mingled feelings of joy and sadness. The calm sunshine, which for a time shed its hallowed influence upon our peaceful path, was, at a later period, followed by a pelting storm, which yet darkens the horizon. Yet, under every variety of circumstances, I have had the kindly counsel and earnest support of many true Brethren, and to their credit be it said, that the labors and responsibilities of office have often been lightened and lessened by the active assistance so readily rendered, and the cheering sympathy so opportunely offered, by many of those whom I have now the privilege of addressing.

In resigning into your hands the Gavel, with which I was entrusted at the last annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, I can truly say, that although conscious of much unworthiness, and deeply sensible of numerous imperfections, yet I have always endeavored to discharge the duties of my position faithfully and conscientiously, whether those duties were of a pleasant or of a painful nature; and in divesting myself of the clothing appertaining to the office of Grand Master, permit me to indulge the hope, that in time to come I may be ever encompassed with the broad mantle of your masonic charity.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn, seconded by W. Bro. John E. Harding,

That the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes, except that portion referring to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, which portion should be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of M. W. Bros. Wilson, Harington and Bernard, R.

W. Bros. Otto Klotz, A. DeGrassi and Thompson Wilson, V. W. Bros. John Clark, D. Spry, J. E. Harding, C. D. Macdonnell, J. Bowman, J. F. Toms, A. Diamond, J. M. Dunn, John V. Noel, Thos. White, C. S. Elliot, J. Billington, R. Kincaid, J. Wright and the mover.

In amendment

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Hy. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Masson,

That so much of the address as had reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec be referred to a Special Committee to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master.

In amendment to the amendment

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thos. White, junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi,

That the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to report upon that part referring to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, at the session of Grand Lodge on to-morrow, it being understood that the Board have their report printed for the use of members on its presentation to Grand Lodge.

The amendment to the amendment having been submitted to Grand Lodge it was adopted with but one dissentient.

The following Brethren visiting from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York were announced and introduced to the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge, viz.: R. W. Bros. C. E. Young, G. J. D., W. J. McCredie, P. D. D. G. M., and John A. Lockwood, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bros. W. H. Dee, H. Kleim, John H. Andrews, H. B. McCullough, S. L. Watson, and J. B. King. The Brethren were welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master and saluted with Grand Honors.

W. Bro. R. Ramsay, presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which were received.

M. W. Bro. A. Bernard presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which were received.

V. W. Bro. Thomas White, junr., presented his Credentials as the accredited Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which were also received.

These Brethren were welcomed in their representative character, and were severally saluted with Grand Honors, and invited to seats on the Dais.

R. W. Bro. D. Spry gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move, That the Board of General Purposes be instructed to lay before the Grand Lodge, during the present Communication, a detailed statement of all amounts paid to officers and members of Grand Lodge for travelling or incidental expenses since last annual Communication, such statement to contain the name of the officer or member to whom such payments were made, the reason for making such payments, and the authority for such expenditure.

V. W. Bro. F. C. Dettmers gave notice for the next Annual Communication, To amend that portion of the Constitution relating to the representation of Lodges by Proxy.

The following reports from District Deputy Grand Masters for the various Masonic Districts were read, viz. :

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—As District Deputy Grand Master for the London District, I have the honor of submitting the following report:

When I accepted the office of D. D. G. M. for the London District at the last regular Communication of Grand Lodge I then purposed holding, during the year, at least one Lodge of Instruction in a central part of the District, but on consulting with some of the Brethren, they thought little instruction would be imparted to those most in need of it—that is, Brethren belonging to Lodges in remote parts of the District. I therefore concluded to devote my attention and time to those Lodges, and as I had received several letters from the Brethren of St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville, informing me that not being fully conversant with the Ritual of the Grand Lodge of Canada they were unable to work the Lodge in a satisfactory manner. In January last, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Thomas C. Macnabb to assist me, I visited the Brethren and spent about ten days instructing them, and am happy to say they are now in good working order.

I instructed my Secretary, V. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, to write the W. M. of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, that I would visit their Lodge and instruct them at any time it would be convenient for them to meet me, but received no answer from the W. M. When I visited the Lodge I found the W. M. unwell and unable to attend the Lodge, so I was prevented from instructing them as I had intended.

I have visited, during the year, twenty-five Lodges in the District and find them all working the Ritual of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Here I would beg to take the opportunity of returning thanks to the officers and Brethren of the different Lodges I have visited, for the very fraternal manner in which they received me on those occasions.

During the year the M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to cause the issuing of his Dispensations for the establishment of two new Lodges, the first at Wallacetown, to be named the "Cameron" Lodge and the other at Park Hill, to be called "Doric" Lodge, both of which have been regularly opened and are applicants for Warrants—which I recommend being granted.

I granted two dispensations to Wellington Lodge, No. 46, for steamboat excursions, the one last year to Detroit, the other on July 1st, 1870, to Slocum's Island. Also, a Dispensation to Bothwell Lodge, No. 179, for a Masonic Concert; and to The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, for a dinner. All the entertainments, I have been informed, passed off very well.

I have to report that it has pleased the G. A. O. T. U. to remove by death from our midst, Bro. Joseph Sewell and Bro. Jas. Sheriff, both members of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Bro. McDonald, a member of G. Western Lodge, No. 47, and Bro. Richard Tidbull, of Cassia Lodge, No. 116, all of whom were buried with Masonic ceremonies.

In December last, I had an invitation from the Brethren of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, to visit them and dedicate, on St. John the Evangelist's day, a new Masonic Hall, which they had erected; unable to attend, I deputed V. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, who proceeded to Port Stanley and dedicated the Hall according to Masonic custom, and installed the newly-elected officers for the ensuing year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. E. BROOKE,
D. D. G. M., L. D.

CHATHAM, 6th July, 1870.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—In reporting upon the condition of masonry in the Wilson District, I shall, of necessity, be very brief, as I have not had the pleasure and satisfaction of visiting all the Lodges under my superintendence during the past year. Those I have met, however, continue to progress, and I can see no diminution of that efficiency and zeal that has been so manifest in former years.

I have had no complaints of any kind arising amongst the Brethren, and as I have had to report hitherto, my labors have been comparatively light, and thanks to the influence of our excellent institution, very agreeable.

I have given dispensations to three Lodges to attend Masonic lectures clothed as Masons, and I hope the good of the Order and the pleasure of the Brethren was promoted thereby.

Death has invaded our circle and taken from us several of our beloved ones, and those who had gained for themselves positions high in the estimation of the world as well as of their Brethren. These deaths have all been duly returned to the Grand Secretary.

We have had two incidents of a Masonic nature, which were possessed of a good deal of interest, as well as having contributed largely to pleasure and enjoyment of the Brethren of the Lodges attending them. The first was the dedication of a Lodge-room at Ingersoll, by our Eminent and distinguished Brother, Judge Wilson, and the other the laying of the corner stone of a new church at Drumbo, by the same distinguished Brother, both of which was largely attended by the Craft, who were entertained in a most sumptuous manner by the Brethren at the places named. I regret very much that I was not permitted to join in these very interesting and instructive ceremonies, which I would have esteemed a great privilege.

In closing this brief report I would mention a source of very great annoyance to some of our Lodges—that is, the unmasonic course pursued by the W. M. and Brethren of Lodge 209, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in initiating persons who had been rejected by our Lodges, and they then go to the Lodge where rejected and demand admission as Masons. Such conduct on the part of Lodge 209 is annoying and productive of much harm to the Order, and I trust such steps will be taken by Grand Lodge as will effectually abate the evil.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

D. CURTIS,
D. D. G. M., Wilson District.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to present to Grand Lodge this second annual report:

Last year there was twenty-one Lodges in this District. The District being so large, on representation made by myself and others, Grand Lodge was pleased to divide it, forming a new one out of the Counties of Waterloo and Wellington—there then remained thirteen Lodges. Two have since been added by dispensation, and one by affiliation.

The Lodges under dispensation are Zurich Lodge, presided over by the late W. M. of Lebanon Forest Lodge, which is working according to the Ritual prescribed by Grand Lodge, and Bernard Lodge, Listowel, by a P. M. highly recommended by W. Bro. Worthington, P. M. of Wroxeter Lodge. The books of these Lodges will be laid before you, and I hope the record therein will be such as will induce you to grant them Warrants.

The affiliated Lodge, previously known as "Goderich Union" Lodge, Goderich, No. 720, E. R., who, by a unanimous vote of its members, surrendered its English Charter and memorialised the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for a Warrant of affiliation, which has been granted, and is now numbered 33 on the Grand Registry of Canada. Thus has been accomplished, that which was long desired by all good and true Masons within this jurisdiction, and although I was unable to accept their kind invitation to be present at the celebration of their first meeting under the Warrant of the Grand Lodge of Canada, they had my hearty wishes, and my desire is, that the Brethren of Goderich Lodge, No. 33, will never regret (which I am sure they will not) the step which they have taken, and although old in years may it be young in vigor and vitality, shedding its light and influence all around until the reflection of its rays are seen and felt, not only within, but beyond the bounds of the District of which it now forms a part, to the latest generation.

On the 24th June, R. W. Bro. Kahn and myself attended after the installation of the two Goderich Lodges, a celebration held to celebrate the union of the two Lodges under the one jurisdiction, when a happy time was spent.

Two cases of unmasonic conduct were reported to me; the papers in connection therewith will be laid before you.

A petition from Tudor Lodge, No. 141, praying for aid for Bro. John Davidson, a member of that Lodge, who is in destitute circumstances, will be laid before you, and I hope its prayer will be granted, as the Brethren of that Lodge deserves a great deal of credit for their efforts to relieve the distressed. They built a house for this poor Brother, in which he now resides free of rent, this has been a heavy drain on the funds of the Lodge not numerous in members, or wealthy in this world's goods. An application has also been made by Clinton Lodge, Clinton, for aid for Bro. John Maguire, to the extent of \$30. It appears that Grand Lodge assisted the poor Bro. in previous years, and now when old age increases it is the more necessary that he should be assisted now.

On the 18th February, I received from St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, an application for a dispensation to wear their regalia at a ball and social to be held on February 24th, under the auspices of St. James' Lodge, A.F. and A.M., and St. Mary's Lodge of I. O. O. F. I did not think I had the power to grant their request for such a purpose, consequently I answered them accordingly.

Thanking the Brethren for past favors, I now resign into their hands the trust committed to me, hoping my successor will be better able to give more of his attention to this large District than I have been enabled to do.

Respectfully submitted by

THOMAS MATHESON,
D. D. G. M.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETTREN,—In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I hereby beg to submit my annual Report of the proceedings and state of Masonry in the Wellington District:

The Lodges within this District, being eight in number, are :

1. Alma	Lodge No. 72, at Galt.
2. The Grand River	" " 151, " Berlin.
3. Ayr	" " 172, " Ayr.
4. Speed	" " 180, " Guelph.
5. St. Albans	" " 200, " Mount Forest.
6. Irvine	" " 203, " Elora.
7. New Dominion,	" " 205, " New Hamburg.
8. Harris	" " 216, " Orangeville.

During the course of my year of office I paid two official visits to each of said Lodges, and visited several of the Lodges oftener. I have much pleasure in stating that I have been most cordially received by the Brethren, that I found Masonry satisfactorily progressing and nearly all the officers well acquainted with the established Ritual, so that I had little occasion for making corrections.

I notice, however, that the explanations of the symbolism of our Order, are more or less omitted and that but rarely the lectures pertaining to the several degrees are given. This omission appears to be one of the primary causes of the great apathy exhibited by many of the Brethren in regard to Lodge matters; as by an imperfect illustration of the degrees, the principles of our Order and its symbolism, they must of necessity fail to understand the beautiful teachings of our Order; adequately to appreciate our noble system and its principles and perfectly to comprehend the duties and obligations they have engaged to perform. The reason assigned for this omission being the want of time, as also the want of means of acquiring a full knowledge of those teachings in order to properly communicate the same. I would, therefore, recommend that Grand Lodge devise some practical plan whereby the latter want may be speedily removed, and I have great confidence that then many, if not every W. M., will devise means to find time for communicating the same.

In five of said Lodges I have had the pleasure of installing the officers and in so doing was ably assisted by several P. Ms. I also had the honor of assisting the D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Seymour, in conjunction with R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, and other members of G. L., in consecrating Harris Lodge, No. 216.

The duties in respect to Masonic complaints have been very light and speak favorably of the harmony which appears to prevail in this District.

Our obituary list has been increased by two in number, though one will probably be reported by the D.D.G.M. of the Hamilton District. It has pleased the G. A. O. T. U. to call off from their earthly toils, Bro. Robert Menzies of Burlington Lodge, No. 165, and Bro. John Jackson, of Speed Lodge, No. 180, both died at Guelph, and were buried with Masonic ceremonies.

The Lodges in this District, following the recommendation of G. L., purchased a very handsome and costly regalia for the D. D. G. M., at London, England, at a cost of about \$100, which was presented me at Alma Lodge, and will be transferred to my successor in office.

Charity, that bright gem in our Masonic diadem, has been liberally dispensed by the Brethren to those who from unforeseen misfortunes, have been thrown into distress; and the Brethren have thus evinced that they are ever ready to practice the sacred tenets which they are taught within the precincts of their Lodge.

All of which is most fraternally submitted.

OTTO KLOTZ,
D. D. G. M., Wellington District.

PRESTON, 27th June, 1870.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit herewith “a circumstantial account” of my proceedings as D. D. G. M. for the Hamilton District, and of the state of Masonry within said District, during the past twelve months, in pursuance of the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have had correspondence or other communications with all the Lodges within the District, and have officially visited most of them—some several times—and it gives me great pleasure to be able to say that *generally* great harmony prevails among the Lodges and Brethren, *an earnest desire for knowledge*, and a steady perseverance in the discharge of Masonic duty. Although I accepted the high trust with great diffidence, no difficulty has been experienced, for I have been happy in having served my Brethren in almost *millenial times* for Masonry in this District.

Whenever I have felt it to be my duty to correct or admonish, in such slight irregularities as have come to my notice, the discipline has been received with such courtesy and genuine Brotherly feeling and ready obedience, that a discharge of duty has given pleasure rather than pain.

My chief business has been to impart a more thorough knowledge of our Ritual, and everywhere I have found the greatest anxiety to prevail for exact information in this respect—and I feel it to be my duty to urge Grand Lodge to encourage and promote every proper facility by which the Brethren generally may be gratified in a reception of such needful knowledge.

COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS.

Very few complaints have been made to me, and in every case I have found, upon examination, that a simple misapprehension was the cause of difficulty, which being fully and candidly explained, was happily removed, leaving the bonds of Brotherly love rather strengthened than otherwise by the exercise of fraternal forbearance.

Only one appeal has been received, and that was from the decision of Lodge No. 168, but the question involved being of a nature requiring great caution in discussion, and although not reputable in one or two Brethren most concerned, I deemed it best for the interest of Masonry and

the Lodge in particular, not to disturb the decision of the Lodge, and being strengthened in that opinion by the counsel of several distinguished Brethren, I allowed the matter to drop—and am happy to say that subsequent events appear to confirm the wisdom of such conclusion.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted two Dispensations for festivals—one to Merritt Lodge, No. 168, which was held on the 28th January last, and which I had the pleasure of attending. Great harmony prevailed and must have been profitable, as it certainly proved pleasurable, and one to St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, which was held on the 4th February last, to which I was honored with an invitation and attended. A very large number of the Brethren from neighboring Lodges honored St. Mark's by being present—as well as considerable numbers from American Lodges, which made a very large gathering, and great harmony prevailed throughout the festivities, and I am very glad to be able to add, incidentally, that the Brethren on the borders are upon the most fraternal terms with our American Brethren, and that Masonic courtesies of this kind are very frequently interchanged.

NEW LODGES.

With respect to my predecessor's report of last year in reference to the application of certain Brethren of Georgetown for a Dispensation to open a Lodge at that place, I have to say, that R. W. Bro. Parry placed such application into my hands, together with all the correspondence on the subject in his possession, and I opened a fresh correspondence on the subject with the petitioners, which eventually resulted in the withdrawal of the first petition and the submission of a new one, with the name of V. W. Bro. J. M. Dunn, of Guelph, as first W. M., which application I had pleasure in recommending, and the M. W. the Grand Master graciously granted a Dispensation to the Brethren at

Georgetown to open a Lodge there, to be called "Credit Lodge." Having great confidence in the zeal and ability of V. W. Bro. Dunn, and the minute book and records being in a satisfactory condition, I would respectfully recommend that a Warrant be granted.

I have also to report the formation of a new Lodge at Thorold, under the name of "Mountain Lodge," to which a Dispensation has been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master. I have the utmost pleasure in favourably recommending this Lodge, W. Bro. John Dale, the first W. M., being well qualified for the high trust, and a thorough Ritualist, and has taken great pains to instruct his officers in the proper discharge of their duty. The Lodge was formally opened on the 27th December last, by R. W. Bro. Seymour, D. G. M., at which ceremonies I had the honor of assisting. A very large number of Brethren from Lodges in the neighborhood, especially from St. Catharines, were present and took part in the exercises. The Brethren have been liberal in their expenditure of fitting up their Lodge Room comfortably and tastefully, and they enjoy the warmest good wishes of the several Lodges in the vicinity.

I have great satisfaction in recommending that a Warrant be granted.

OBITUARY.

The Brethren have had a merciful immunity from the visitations of that pale and dreaded messenger whom we must all one day meet—only *four deaths*, so far as reported to me, having occurred among the Craft in this large populous District—all of whom were buried with Masonic ceremonies, except one, Bro. Willey, a member of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, who was drowned in Niagara River, near Fort Erie, and whose body has not been recovered. He was a protective officer in the customs department, and some unpleasant feelings have been felt, fearing that his death might not have been accidental. He was greatly respected, and has at different periods held high Municipal, as well as other official trusts. May we meet him in the Great Grand Lodge above.

THE WORK.

It will be satisfactory to Grand Lodge to know that in most of the Lodges in this District, the Ritual recognised is very closely followed. A few of the Country Lodges require considerable instruction in this respect, but great desire is felt everywhere to comply with the requirements of Grand Lodge in that behalf—and as a means to that end, I have strictly enjoined that candidates should not be advanced faster than the work is thoroughly understood.

STATISTICS.

I had hoped to be able to present herewith a complete tabular statement of work and business in all the Lodges in the District, but, from causes yet unexplained, I have not received the statistical report asked for from several Lodges. Although incomplete, the statement appended will be interesting as a comparative record, and not devoid in other respects.

It will be observed, that among the Lodges who have reported, "old Barton," No. 6, preserves her traditional superiority in numbers, and has dispensed her charities with a liberal hand; yet, that the youngest chartered Lodge has exceeded her in the latter respect, while Maple Leaf, No. 103, has a treasury the most replete.

The statement also shows that a large accession of membership has obtained during the past year, yet, at the same time, the number of propositions very far exceeds the number received, demonstrating the gratifying fact that the ballot has been judiciously guarded. I may, however, be justified in stating in this connection, that in one Lodge in this District, an unfortunate party spirit has been instrumental in excluding good material in the opinion of some of the Brethren, but it is pleasurable to add that the feeling alluded to has, it is hoped, been allayed.

It is also gratifying to find that the G. L. Dues and Fees have been generally promptly paid.

It will probably not be denied by any, that a perfect tabular statement for each year cannot be otherwise than most valuable, if published and open to the perusal of the officers and members of the several Lodges, thereby serving to stimulate an exertion to attain comparative merit and honorable mention. To facilitate this desirable result, and preserve invaluable statistical information in each Lodge, that enlightened and indefatigable Brother, the present R. W. D. G. M., has, at great labor, perfected and published in suitable divisions, a Record Book for the use of Lodges, which, if carefully filled up as the work and business of the Lodge takes place, will, in time, be referred to with pleasure and pride, and really be beyond price. If carefully and accurately transcribed, will materially lighten the labors of the Grand Secretary, as it will prevent most of those mistakes frequently occurring in returns, and necessitating a very considerable correspondence. It will so regulate the affairs of the Lodge that discrepancies will be very easily discovered and rectified, and the officers spared much vexatious search and difficulty. I am very happy to be able to report that many of the Lodges have for considerable periods preserved valuable records of this kind, and that a considerable number have availed themselves of the opportunity now afforded to preserve uniform statistical records. The Secretary of any Lodge, in possession of such a record, would be able to furnish the data for the appended statement instantly. I have recommended their adoption generally.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, G. L. OF C.

ABSTRACT STATEMENT of Work and Business in the several Lodges from June 24th, 1869, to June 24th, 1870.

NAME.	No.	LOCATION.	No. of Members on the Roll.	No. Propositions for Initiation.	No. Elected.	No. Initiated.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	Resigned.	Joined.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Restored.	Deceased.	R. Meetings.	E. Meetings.	Amount received in Fees.	Amount received in Dues.	Cash on hand or invested.	Amount paid for Relief.	Are Grand Lodge Fees and Dues paid to date?	Remarks.
Niagara	2	Niagara	42	7	4	4	4	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	13	1	\$80 00	109 94	\$141 65	\$5 00	Yes.	
Barton	6	Hamilton	114	13	13	13	12	3	3	6	3	..	..	1	13	8	390 00	178 47	309 76	74 15	"	
Union	7	Grimsby	39	7	7	7	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	13	1	145 00	95 54	166 60	3 00	"	
St. George's	15	St. Catharines	90	19	17	16	11	10	2	4	1	..	..	..	13	11	336 00	147 75	570 50	16 00	Not answered	
Strict Observance	27	Hamilton	89	30	21	18	15	17	2	3	..	..	..	..	13	9	372 00	159 75	418 88	55 60	Yes.	
Amity	32	Dunnville	77	10	10	8	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Report Received.
St. John's	35	Cayuga	36	14	10	10	9	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	12	5	290 00	48 75	40 00	10 00	Yes.	
Welland	36	Fonthill	44	6	5	5	4	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	13	1	100 00	75 00	81 55	15 00	"	
St. John's	40	Hamilton	88	21	20	19	17	15	5	4	..	..	1	4	13	4	388 00	181 63	500 00	33 63	"	
Harmony	57	Birbrook	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	do.
Acacia	61	Hamilton	84	20	12	11	12	11	4	6	..	..	..	..	11	3	214 00	330 38	196 71	50 00	Yes.	
St. Andrew's	63	Caledonia	53	9	9	5	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Valley	100	Dundas	37	5	4	4	2	4	6	1	6	..	..	..	11	1	108 00	167 54	59 55	40 00	"	
Maple Leaf	103	St. Catharines	99	12	10	7	12	16	7	3	1	..	..	..	14	5	219 00	323 35	1193 91	10 00	"	
St. Mark's	105	Drummondville	65	15	10	10	9	10	0	..	..	..	..	..	11	3	200 00	186 00	187 82	..	To Dec. 27, '69	
Ivy	115	Smithville	26	2	2	2	1	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	40 00	29 75	..	..	To June 24, '69	
St. Clair	135	Milton	51	6	5	5	5	4	4	3	..	..	..	..	13	2	146 00	90 83	..	..	Yes.	
Burlington	165	Wellington Square	28	..	3	3	2	1	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	do.
Wentworth	166	Stoney Creek	27	1	1	1	1	2	0	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	20 00	..	8 00	..	Yes.	
Merritt	168	Welland	38	12	5	5	7	7	4	1	..	..	..	..	13	6	100 00	101 00	108 00	..	"	
Maenah	169	Port Colborne	43	14	8	8	8	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	11	2	162 00	174 21	300 16	6 00	"	
Enniskillen	185	York	29	1	5	5	5	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	6	3	100 00	13 50	2 75	..	No.	Written to pay.
White Oak	193	Oakville	44	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Report received.
Doninion	213	Ridgeway	32	18	13	13	11	11	..	3	..	..	..	1	13	8	325 00	23 00	..	75 00	Yes.	
Mountain	25	U.D. Thorold	35	10	7	7	5	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	8	3	152 00	44 00	..	..	"
Credit	39	U.D. Georgetown	39	36	25	25	21	21	..	4	..	..	..	..	10	8	616 00	..	..	..	Not answered	

PRESENTATIONS.

The high respect and esteem entertained by the Brethren of several Lodges for their presiding officers has been manifested in the presentation of valuable testimonials and most complimentary addresses; two of which interesting ceremonies I have had the honor and pleasure of witnessing.

On the occasion of my official visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, on the 21st of April last, the Brethren of that Lodge improved the occasion by presenting their R. W. M., R. W. Bro. Harris, with a very valuable P. Z. Jewel, and a suitable address, which the R. W. Bro. received and acknowledged in feeling terms. After the close of the Lodge, the Brethren repaired to a banqueting room in the vicinity, where the Stewards had provided a most sumptuous repast. After the removal of the cloth, the usual masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in a right loyal and fraternal manner. The festivities closed in good season, all feeling that it was good to have been present.

I visited Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton, on 27th May last, and had the honor and gratification of meeting the M. W. the Grand Master and also the R. W. the D. G. M., on that occasion—and the Lodge seized on that auspicious opportunity to present their V. W. M., V. W. Bro. Pringle, with a very elaborate P. Ms. Jewel, and complimentary address, which was received and acknowledged in pleasing terms. A banquet was spread in honor of the event, which did great credit to the good taste of the members of the Lodge; and the subsequent intellectual feast proved a season of pleasure and profit to all present.

DIVISION OF DISTRICTS.

So far as I have been able to ascertain, I believe that it is almost the unanimous opinion of the members of the several Lodges, that the District is too large, and as the required

notice of motion for a division of the District was given at the last communication of G. L. by V. W. Bro. Pringle, it is to be desired that action will be taken thereupon at the present session. Having consulted a very large number of the Lodges in the District, I feel at liberty to respectfully recommend that the division may be so made that the old Niagara District, (being composed of the Counties of Lincoln Welland and Haldimand) form one District, to be called "The Niagara District," and that the remaining portion of the District may be so adjusted with the Wilson District as may prove satisfactory to all concerned. To properly discharge the duties of D. D. G. M. in a District so large, as at present constituted, requires more time, greater expense and exertion than a private individual can reasonably be expected to devote, and, as a consequence, the several Lodges do not receive the advantages of the presence of that officer which they have a right to expect. And further, it may be observed that a compliance with the recommendation of G. Lodge, in reference to that officer's expenses, becomes burdensome, when he is obliged to travel long distances and incur hotel expenses unavoidably; especially to young or otherwise weak Lodges, and who really require more attention and encouragement than older and more prosperous ones. I hope V. W. Bro. Pringle will press his motion.

B. OF G. P.

I regret that circumstances over which I had no control, prevented my attendance at the meeting of the Board of G. P., in February last, as it has been my desire to discharge all the duties devolving upon me faithfully.

DISTURBING CAUSES.

With respect to the causes which have unhappily disturbed the harmony heretofore existing within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, I have urged upon the Brethren and Lodges in this District to carefully abstain from expressing

too strong opinions, and quietly await the approaching meeting of Grand Lodge, when wise counsels would undoubtedly prevail. The highest respect and warmest feeling has eminently prevailed towards the M. W. the Grand Master, under the trying circumstances in which he has been placed. It cannot be denied that great anxiety is felt respecting the important business likely to press upon the attention of G. L., and I have reason to think that Hamilton District will be fully represented.

LODGES NOT VISITED.

Owing to circumstances entirely beyond my control, I have not been able to visit a few Lodges in remote parts of the District, yet I have not been unmindful of their interests and hope that Grand Lodge, and the private Lodges concerned, will excuse any want of compliance with the Constitution under the circumstances.

I cannot close my report without recording my since thanks to that distinguished Mason, the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master of the G. L. of Canada, for his valuable counsel on many occasions during the past, and especially during the past year—and also to the R. W. the Grand Secretary, who is ever ready to oblige—and to the several Lodges throughout the District for their marked courtesy and fraternal kindness upon every occasion; and I humbly pray that it may please the G. A. O. T. U. to long preserve the present prevailing concord among the Brethren throughout the District.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

I. P. WILLSON,
D. D. G. M., Hamilton District.

WELLAND, 26th June, 1870.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

Allow me, in the name of the Brethren of Toronto, to bid you welcome to the City, and to express the great pleasure it affords them to meet you here. In their name I venture the hope that your sojourn may be pleasant—your duties agreeable—and your deliberations productive of much good to the cause of Masonry.

In submitting my report for the past twelve months, during which I have presided over the Toronto District I have great satisfaction in informing you that the Craft throughout this District is progressing—the officers diligent in the discharge of their duties—the members generally attentive and faithful—working together in “the good cause” with that love and harmony which should at all times characterize Freemasons.

I have made several trips through the District, and have made myself acquainted with the working as well as the requirements of every Lodge. The two Lodges which I have not officially visited were unable to meet me at the time I had appointed—but competent authorities who have visited these Lodges for me give favorable accounts of their position and work.

In September last, I had the pleasure of constituting and consecrating “Stevenson Lodge, No. 218,” and installing the officers thereof, when I had the assistance of about two hundred Brethren. I am glad to inform you that the Lodge is prospering and gives promise of being conducted in a manner worthy of the name it has the honor to bear.

After visiting a large number of the Lodges in this District, I deemed it advisable to hold a General Lodge of Instruction, at Newmarket, commencing on the 23rd of February last—and for that purpose I notified the Lodges throughout the District of such an intention.

A large number of Brethren attended the meeting, over one hundred and fifty being present at one time. The Lodge remained in session for two days, and I have reason to know from the official visits since made to the Lodges, that much good resulted from the meeting, and that many of the Brethren derived the instruction which they had required.

On behalf of the Brethren there assembled, as well as on my part, I would take this opportunity of thanking R. W. Bro. J. Seymour, D. G. M., and R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, D. D. G. M., Ontario District, for their attendance and for the assistance and instruction rendered by them. I would also acknowledge the services rendered by many other able and zealous Brethren who took part in the proceedings.

Without going further into detail, I may state that the Ritual was exemplified, including the opening and closing of Lodges and conferring the three established Degrees as recognized by Grand Lodge, in such a manner as to give every Brother present an opportunity of acquiring the correct work. The preparation of candidates—the examination of visitors—the reception of distinguished visitors—the disposal of ordinary business, work and instruction not so frequently engaging the attention of Lodges, and many such matters were illustrated and explained.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Brethren present received an invitation to a Ball, at Newmarket, the same evening, by the members of Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Sharon Lodge, No. 97, and Simcoe Lodge, No. 79. The invitation was accepted and proved a most enjoyable and hospitable entertainment.

On the 18th of May last, the Brethren of Toronto were honored with a visit from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, which was highly appreciated by them. They rejoice to find that he has recovered from the illness under

which he was then laboring, and desire to express the hope that he may long continue to enjoy the blessing of restored health.

During the year I have paid 38 official visits ; granted 8 dispensations for festivals and public processions, and disposed of 20 complaints. The dispensations have been duly reported to the M. W. the G. M. None of the complaints deserve especial mention. In nearly every instance I was enabled to restore harmony and good feeling ; one case I deemed of such a graver character that I have referred it to the Board of General Purposes ; and one case I have been obliged to hand over to my successor to be dealt with by him.

Dispensations have been granted, upon my recommendation, for the following new Lodges, viz.: "Ionic" Lodge, at Brampton, "Kerr" Lodge, at Belle Ewart. Both of these are situate in populous sections of the country ; they are in the hands of expert craftsmen, who will no doubt do credit to the craft. I, therefore, cordially recommend Grand Lodge to confirm them by Warrants.

Applications have been just received by me for the following new Lodges, viz.: "Manitoba" Lodge, at Bond Head, "St. Tammany" Lodge, at Clarksburg. Both of these places are prosperous and are so far distant from Lodges, that I feel justified in recommending their petitions. I have had no opportunity of examining the Brethren nominated for the W. Master's chair in these two Lodges. I would therefore suggest that Grand Lodge might authorize the issue of the Warrants upon the M. W. the Grand Master being satisfied that those officers are capable of conferring the three Degrees of Craft Masonry in the manner recognized by Grand Lodge.

Upon the application of Union Lodge, No. 118, of Lloyd town. I consented to the removal of that Lodge to the Village of Schomberg, less than a mile distant from Lloyd town, being satisfied that such removal would prove a convenience to the members of the Lodge.

It would be unpardonable in me to overlook the deference which has been paid to my suggestions, and the courtesy everywhere extended to me by the Brethren throughout the District—I am deeply sensible of this.

I would fain close my report without adverting to any occasion for sorrow or regret—but sorrow there is and regret abounds! The angel of death has been busy in our midst—and “many an aching heart and lonely hearthstone” mourns the departure of loved ones during the past year. Neither youth nor strength; neither bright intellect nor lovely form; neither high character or modest worth have sufficed to ward off the fatal shaft. At the summons of the mysterious but inevitable messenger of mortality all earthly distinctions fail and to dust we all return. The names of those who have fallen from our ranks have been reported to the Grand Secretary. Amongst those will be found the name of W. Bro. Thos. Gundry, who for many years presided over St. John’s Lodge, No. 75, with great ability. Of modest and retiring demeanor—as a neighbor, a citizen, and a mason, he was highly and justly esteemed. Under a deep conviction of moral accountability and that all his actions were under the inspections of the “all-seeing eye,” it was his aim “to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with his God.” There also appears the name of Bro. Thomas Willing, the Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Canada—for many years a faithful and respected servant of the Craft in Toronto. His death was sudden. In health and vigor of body and mind, he was violently and suddenly seized with an attack of illness which unexpectedly extinguished the lamp of life. May his sudden death remind us of the uncertainty of all earthly things and warn us to prepare for our own inevitable departure, that we may then be found “worthy and well qualified” for admission into that “glorious temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens.”

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,
D. D. G. M., Toronto District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, I have the honor to present this my third annual report of the condition of Freemasonry in the Ontario District.

Owing to my temporary removal from the Province, which I hope will be ended at an early day, I have not been able to visit all the Lodges in my District this year.

In December last, a very pleasant and satisfactory Lodge of Instruction was held at Port Hope, and remained in session four days. On its termination, several of those present visited Colborne and took part in dedicating a very beautiful hall, purchased and well furnished by the Brethren of that place. The greatest credit is due to the Rev. Bro. Wm. A. Sills, who has exhibited so much taste and artistic ability in the well executed paintings of the symbols of the Order, with which he has decorated the walls of this his mother Lodge. Too much praise cannot be awarded to the Brethren of this excellent Lodge, for their enterprise in securing such a suitable and commodious place of meeting.

The M. W. the G. M. has issued Dispensations for the establishment of two new Lodges since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, one held at Uxbridge, and presided over by W. Bro. George H. Dartnell, and the other at Norwood, with W. Bro. Dr. Roxburgh as W. M.

So far as my knowledge extends, the utmost harmony and good fellowship prevails throughout the Ontario District.

In withdrawing from an official connection with the Brethren of this large and influential constituency, I tender them, one and all, my most hearty thanks for the fraternal kindness and courtesy which they have at all times manifested towards me.

WILLIAM McCABE,

D. D. G. M., Ontario District.

JULY, 1870.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

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To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In compliance with the Constitution, and discharge of the duty devolving upon me, in closing my official duties for the past year, I beg to submit a brief report of the same.

During the past year, upon proper petitions duly recommended, I applied to the M. W. the Grand Master for Dispensations to open new Lodges at the following places, viz.: one at Marmora, in the County of Hastings, and one at Odessa, in the Counties Lennox and Addington, and that the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased most willingly to grant the same, and that by virtue and under the authority thereof, I duly opened a new Lodge at Marmora, aforesaid, called the "Marmora" Lodge, and also a new Lodge at Odessa, called the "Prince Arthur" Lodge. The former Lodge presided over by V. W. Bro. Geo. E. Bull, and the latter by the Rev. W. Bro. Anthony J. A. Loughlin. That on subsequently visiting said Lodges I found them ably presided over by their respective Masters, and properly and regularly worked, and I therefore recommend that the said Dispensations be confirmed by Warrants.

During the year I visited nearly all the Lodges in the District (and had intended to have visited them all) but owing to an accident by which I was unable to travel for some time, I was prevented from visiting some of them, and from such crave the indulgence of the Brethren and trust they will accept the above reason as an apology.

I congratulate the Brethren of my District on the good feeling and harmony that prevails among them generally, evidenced by the fact that during the year no complaints have been made which called for official interference on my part, and also that the Lodges of the District (with one or two exceptions) are well and properly worked, according to the Ritual of Grand Lodge.

The usual dispensations for wearing Masonic regalia have been granted to the Brethren on proper occasions, and in one instance a dispensation to hold a Lodge of Instruction.

The Brethren of Odessa having requested permission to have the corner stone of a new church in course of erection there laid with Masonic ceremonies, the M. W. the Grand Master, in compliance therewith, called a special communication of Grand Lodge for that purpose, a report of which will appear in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. DELANY,
D. D. G. M., P. E. D.

TRENTON, 13th July, 1870.

OTTAWA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I beg to present this my brief report on the State of Masonry in the Ottawa District during the year which is now drawing to a close.

I regret, that owing to business avocations, and also to other circumstances which I could not foresee at the time I accepted the office of District Deputy Grand Master, I have been unable to visit all the Lodges in this extensive District. I have, however, visited all but a very few, and I can safely report that our ancient institution is in a healthy and flourishing condition in general throughout this District. The work, so far as I have been able to observe or ascertain, is in accordance with the established Ritual of Grand Lodge, and in most instances tolerably correct. In several of the country Lodges, as might be expected, I have found the work a little loose, and the officers not quite as well skilled as is desirable, but on the whole the state of the country

Lodges is satisfactory and creditable. In the City of Ottawa the condition of Masonry is most encouraging. The Lodges, five in number, under one registry, (which includes a new Lodge at present under Dispensation) are all flourishing and working in strict accordance with the Ritual, and the officers of all, I may say, are thoroughly competent. In addition to the five Lodges on the Grand Registry of Canada there is also a Lodge—the Dalhousie —(the oldest in the city) under the Grand Lodge of England; and I have much pleasure in calling attention to the cordial and fraternal manner in which this body has co-operated with the Lodges under our jurisdiction, as well in the city as in the surrounding district, in mutually endeavoring to keep the portals of the Lodges well guarded, so that I have heard no complaint from either jurisdiction, of candidates rejected by the one being received by the other. I mention this pleasing and gratifying state of affairs here, specially, as complaints have been heard in Grand Lodge from other parts, of candidates rejected in our Lodges being received and initiated in Lodges working under foreign jurisdiction, a practice which besides being hardly fraternal or courteous, must work great evil to the Craft.

I have granted no dispensations for Masonic festivals or other ceremonies during the past year.

On St. John's day, the 27th of December last, I installed and invested the W. Master and officers of Doric Lodge, No. 58, and Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, at Ottawa, and on the evening of the same day I installed and invested the W. Master and officers of Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond, Ont. On a subsequent evening, I installed and invested the W. Master and officers of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59, at Ottawa; circumstances having prevented the installation on St. John's day.

On the 24th June last, at the special request of the Master of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 571, Grand Registry of England, I installed and invested the W. Master and officers of that Lodge. I had much pleasure in complying with

that request, as I felt it to be intended as a mark of respect to the Grand Lodge of Canada, whose representative I am, and also as an indication of the good-will and friendly and fraternal feeling existing between that Lodge and the Lodges under Canadian Jurisdiction, I have before alluded to. In the evening of the same day, I attended and installed and invested the W. Master and officers of Builders' Lodge, No. 117. On that occasion, after the installation ceremony was completed, I had the pleasing duty imposed on me of presenting, in open Lodge, a valuable and handsome Past Master's Jewel, in gold, to W. Bro. T. W. Currier, the retiring Master, on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge as a mark of their approbation of the able manner in which he had conducted their affairs during his year of office. I was afterwards entertained at an elegant supper provided by the Brethren of Builders' Lodge, which was numerously attended and which passed off in the most fraternal and happy manner.

At the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge, a Warrant of confirmation was granted by that Grand Body to Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark, which had been for some time previously working under dispensation, and I fully intended to have visited the Lodge and installed their officers; circumstances, however, put it entirely out of my power to do so, and the Master having been installed by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, D. D. G. M., St. Lawrence District, at my request, the yearly election of officers for the next year, regularly took place at the June meeting of the Lodge. As it was impossible for me to attend at Lanark on the 24th June last, past, much to my regret, as I was kindly and urgently pressed by the Brethren to do. I requested R. W. Bro. Mostyn, my immediate predecessor in office, to attend Evergreen Lodge on the 24th June and consecrate the Lodge and install and invest its officers. R. W. Bro. Mostyn kindly acceded to my request, and I have now his report and also the report of the Secretary of the Lodge, of the due celebration of these ceremonies. I may say that although I have not been able to visit the Lodge, I have

had several opportunities of meeting their late Master, and from all I can learn the Lodge is in a healthy and flourishing state.

A short time ago the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation for the purpose of constituting a new Lodge in Ottawa, under the name of "The Lodge of Fidelity." I have visited the Lodge since its institution, and, from my own observation and from personal acquaintance with its Worshipful Master and officers, I can feel no doubt but that it will prove an ornament to Masonry in this city, and have no hesitation in recommending that a Warrant should be granted to it by your Grand Body.

During the past year no Masonic funerals have been reported to me. The only deaths among the Fraternity, of which I am aware, are those of Bro. Joseph T. McCuaig, of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, and Bro. William Duck, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59.

I have to remark, as did my predecessor in his report of last year, that this District has never provided a proper suit of regalia for their District Deputy Grand Master. Indeed, I may say, there is no regalia for the District at all, as the suit now in my possession has the name of the old Central District upon it, and besides being incomplete, is not the property of the District, but belongs to one of the former holders of my office. It would be well, I think, for the District to follow the example of other Masonic Districts in Canada, and provide a fit and proper suit of regalia for their representative at Grand Lodge, to be the property of the District, and to be surrendered by the District Deputy Grand Master to his successor at the close of his term of office.

It speaks well for Masonry that in this extensive and populous District no Masonic complaint has been laid before me during the past year for adjudication, and I may congratulate the Brethren of the Ottawa District upon the peace, harmony and good will which prevails amongst them and express a heartfelt hope that our Order may increase in

strength, beauty and usefulness, and under the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U., spread and increase throughout the land.

I cannot conclude without expressing my heartfelt gratitude to the Masters, Officers, and Brethren of all the Lodges in this District which I have visited or communicated with for the uniform, kind, courteous and considerate treatment I have ever met with in the course of my visits or official communication.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. GEMMELL,
D. D. G. M., Ottawa District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following brief report on the condition of Masonry in the St. Lawrence District for the year 1869 and '70.

After visiting nearly all the Lodges in the District, I have great pleasure in reporting to Grand Lodge that Masonry is in a flourishing condition.

There has been no Masonic complaints of any kind made to me during the year. I find that the books in the various Lodges are well kept, and that Grand Lodge dues are all paid up.

There has been one death, and Masonic funeral reported to me, viz.: Bro. Samuel Pomroy, of Albion Lodge, No. 109, who died January 2, 1870.

I granted the following Dispensations, viz.: To Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, to walk in procession to church, to attend

divine service on the 24th June, 1870; and to Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, to attend divine worship, and to present a resolution of condolence to the family of the late Bro. John McLaren, from Cariboo Lodge, No. 469, Barkerville, British Columbia. I also granted a dispensation to Leeds Lodge, No. 201, for a steamboat excursion on the river St. Lawrence, on 24th June, 1870.

In conclusion, I beg to thank the Brethren of this District for their many kindnesses extended to me during my term of office.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. WILKINSON,
D. D. G. M., St. Lawrence District.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In presenting this report, in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge, I regret not being able to use the pleasing stereotyped phrase of my predecessors when speaking of the condition of Masonry in my District “that it is in a satisfactory condition.” I have discovered that the seeds of discord were sown before I had the honor of being installed in my present office, and to what extent they have been developed was made known to you at a special meeting of Grand Lodge, held in Montreal on December 1st last.

On the 14th October, after returning from Huntingdon, where I had been to install the officers of Chateauguay Lodge, it was made known to me that it was the intention of some of the members of Zetland Lodge, No. 21, to recommend and endeavor to carry out certain measures of an irregular and unconstitutional nature on that evening—it

being their regular monthly meeting. The W. M. was absent on a trip to the United States, and a P. M. was expected to preside, who had for some time passed ceased to take an active interest in the affairs of said Lodge, but who, at this time, was busy (in consort with some few others) in endeavoring to subvert the authority of this Grand Lodge, in consequence of which, there was an edict of suspension issued against him, which I knew was on that evening on its way to Montreal; in view of all these circumstances, I considered it my duty, for the sake of the law-abiding and order-loving members of that Lodge, and for the honor and dignity of this G. L., to attend in my official capacity to conduct the usual routine business and work of the evening. That I found it necessary to suspend this Lodge on that evening, has already been reported and the particulars laid before you. It is gratifying for me to know that my action and conduct has met with your approval, and I am confident that it will be equally gratifying for you to know that a large number of the members of this Lodge have petitioned the M. W. G. M. to be released from the suspension, expressing their regrets on account of insulting and contumacious conduct evinced on that occasion by certain of the members, and praying to be allowed to go on with the work of the Lodge. The M. W. G. M. was pleased to grant the prayer of the petitioners and the Lodge has since been working harmoniously, and with careful attention to the requirements of this Grand Lodge. At this time last year there were nine Lodges in the Montreal District, seven in the City of Montreal, one at Lacolle, and one in Huntingdon, since which time Kilwinning, No. 124, has been suspended, Royal Albert, Hoyle and Chateauguay Lodges have suspended themselves by refusing to acknowledge the authority and jurisdiction of the G. L. of Canada; thus at present there are five Warranted Lodges in my District, all in the city of Montreal, and one under dispensation.

Lodge of Antiquity.

St. George's Lodge,No. 19.

Zetland Lodge, " 21.

Victoria Lodge,..... " 173.

Mount Royal Lodge, " 202.

Mount Moriah Lodge..... (U. D.)

From the very able manner with which the affairs of this last named Lodge have been conducted, I freely recommend that a Warrant be granted, and at the same time a duplicate Warrant be furnished to Lodge of Antiquity, their former one having been abstracted from the Lodge-room. The five Lodges above referred to are all working in a constitutional and satisfactory manner and with uniformity as required by Grand Lodge.

With reference to those misguided Brethren of the suspended Lodges in my District, I would state that I refrain from going into the question through this medium, as the subject will doubtless come before Grand Lodge in another form, and doubt not such action will be taken as will teach them, and all others who have attempted to usurp its territory and defy its authority, that such conduct cannot be tolerated, and that they must suffer the severest penalty in the power of this Grand Lodge to inflict.

There are several Lodges working in Montreal under Warrants from sister Grand Lodges, which I have visited and have been welcomed in a most fraternal and cordial manner.

Several Brethren have been removed from our midst by death, but in no instance were they interred with Masonic ceremonies by Lodges under my jurisdiction. Zetland Lodge, No. 21, has had to deplore the loss of two Past Masters, W. Bro. Monk and W. Bro. Armstrong, the last named Brother left a few months since for Florida,

hoping to find relief from that terrible disease, consumption, in a more genial climate, but it was otherwise ordained. Finding that he was growing weaker, he started homeward to rejoin his family in Montreal, arriving at Savannah, Ga., he paused for the purpose of gaining strength, but continued to grow weaker and weaker until death ended his sufferings. I have heard by the newspapers that he was cared for by our Brethren of that city, who buried him with Masonic ceremonies.

In conclusion, I have only to state that I have visited all the Lodges in my District as often as possible, and have to acknowledge the hearty reception extended to me by all the Brethren. The harmony which characterizes their meetings and the unanimity of the members in all matters advanced for the good of our Order has contributed to make the high and responsible position in which they and you, M. W. Sir, have placed me a "labor of love," and whilst I have now to take leave of them as their D. D. G. M., and hope to be useful to them and to our Order in a more humble position, ever cherishing the happy hours spent together with them with gratitude and pleasure.

Respectfully submitted.

M. GUTMAN,

D. D. G. M., Montreal District.

MONTREAL, July 6th, 1870.

P. S.—On the 11th July, buried with Masonic ceremonies our esteemed Brother, Fred. Spaulding, of Zetland Lodge No. 21.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In conformity with the constitutional requirements of Grand Lodge, I beg herewith to

submit for the consideration of that body a condensed report with respect to the Craft, as well as of its operations in the District of Bedford since the month of March last, at which time I received my appointment as acting District Deputy Grand Master, during the unexpired time of R. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson.

It may not perhaps be necessary for me to say that previous to the month of March last, the number of Lodges was 12, to wit : Dorchester, No. 4, Nelson, No. 8, Shefford, No. 53, Yamaska, No. 130, Clarenceville, No. 152, Stanbridge, No. 117, Prevost, No. 1, Royal Canadian, No. 187, Brome Lake, No. 211, St. John's, No. 175, Browne, No. 163, and Frelighsburch, No. 199.

Working as follows under the Grand Lodge of Canada : Royal Canadian, Brome Lake, Shefford, St. John's and Dorchester.

The others had given their allegiance to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. I may say that in nearly every Lodge adhering to the so-called G. L. of Q., there are members who say they were never consulted in the matter, and who disapprove of the action taken by their Lodges, but are waiting the action to be taken by Grand Lodge and have not confidence in their ultimate success. Lately, however, re-action is setting in, Browne and Nelson Lodges have, under authority from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master empowering them to continue the work as under their original Warrant, re-organized under the Grand Lodge of Canada. While Yamaska Lodge has, by resolution, returned to her old allegiance and mother G. L., and I am confident that other Lodges will soon follow their example.

I was present at the re-organization of Browne and Nelson Lodges and installed their officers, in whose skill and ability I have perfect confidence, and I am happy to say they are going on under very favorable auspices.

I had much pleasure in recommending and obtaining a dispensation for the establishment of a new Lodge at the village of Sutton Flatt, in the township of Sutton, and was present at the ceremony of organizing this new Lodge—which is presided over by an able and experienced Past Master, assisted by efficient officers. Commencing under the most favorable auspices for success, I have much pleasure in recommending this new and thriving Lodge to the favorable consideration of Grand Lodge, and pray for it a Warrant of Constitution.

Official and private duties have prevented me from visiting Dorchester Lodge, No. 4, Shefford Lodge, No. 53, and St. John's Lodge, No. 175, but from correspondence I have had with their Masters and the information I have obtained from the Brethren whom I have occasionally met, I feel satisfied that they are all in a very prosperous condition and are constitutionally governed by competent workmen.

I have visited Yamaska Lodge once and regret to say that from all the information I could gain, this Lodge, from some cause which the members attribute to its connection with the so-called G. L. of Q., does not seem to possess sufficient vitality to keep it in a healthy and prosperous condition; yet now that it has shaken off its secession under the direction of a zealous Master, it may be restored to the respectable position it once occupied.

I have visited Brome Lake, Browne, Sutton, and Royal Canadian Lodges several times, and, as usual, they are steadily gaining in members and all matters are going on prosperously—having efficient Masters and good assistant officers.

With the exception of one instance, no suspension of members for unmasonic conduct has been reported to me—the case referred to is that of Bro. George Downing, who was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 175, Potton, the action of which Lodge has been forwarded to the Grand

Secretary. And from all I can learn, I believe that in justice to the Craft and that Lodge in particular, it is a proper case for suspension from the privileges of Freemasonry.

On last St. John's day, after I had installed the officers of Brome Lake Lodge, the Brethren were pleased to present me with a pleasing address and a beautiful ring as a testimonial for services I had rendered their Lodge—being its Past Master, an honor of which I justly feel proud, in consequence of the efficiency of which the affairs of the Lodge had been conducted and the brotherly friendship and harmony which characterize the relations of the Brethren composing it.

It is perhaps unnecessary for me to allude to the present distracted and unhappy state of Masonry in this District, caused by the secession of certain Lodges whose unmasonic proceedings must be familiar with most of the members of Grand Lodge, they have been made so public that it precludes the necessity of a particular enumeration of them. They have, however, resorted to all possible means in endeavoring to entice and persuade loyal Masons to join them in forming bands, called Lodges, like the recent creations in this District, called Abercorn and Corner Stone Lodges, the former within a short distance from the thriving Lodge at Sutton, and composed of members from Frelighsburgh and other Lodges, and the latter situated at Cowansville, distant from Royal Canadian Lodge at Sweetsburgh about one mile, and composed entirely of members of Prevost Lodge, imported specially for the occasion; its officers, after canvassing the county for weeks, could not prevail upon any Masons to join them in their illegal and clandestine proceedings, but members of Prevost Lodge.

So far, I have not been able to learn that they have attempted to do any business beyond publishing a long list of names, purporting to be officers installed; it evidently

being their object to report that they are forming Lodges, notwithstanding what Masonic obligations and principles they may violate.

It is only fair to say that with one or two exceptions of those Lodges who have given their allegiance to the so-called G.L. of Q., they entirely disapprove of their conduct, well knowing, as many of their members have informed me, that such proceedings can do their cause no good—will not advance their interest in the slightest degree—but on the contrary will have a tendency to bring our time-honored society into disrepute.

In most of their Lodges the members are divided, and some are only prevented from returning to their old allegiance by the continued interference and attendance at their meetings of some of the most prominent officials of the so-called G. L. of Q.

I will not attempt to dictate what course would be the most advisable to pursue in adjusting those difficulties, but I am of opinion that Grand Lodge owes it to the Craft in general to her own dignity and position as well as to the loyal Masons in the Province of Quebec, to take immediate and decided action, such as will tend if possible to an amicable settlement of the present unfortunate state of affairs.

I may add that the nine loyal Lodges in the District of Bedford over whom I have had the honor to preside for the last few months, have repeatedly expressed an earnest desire to remain connected with their Ontario Brethren under the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In conclusion, I beg leave to thank the Brethren of those Lodges I have visited, for the courtesy and kindness shown to me during my visits.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

H. D. PICKEL,

Acting D. D. G. M., Bedford District.

JULY 13th, 1870.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada in Session assembled.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my annual report for the year 1869-70, and, in doing so, regret very much, indeed, that circumstances have occurred during that period which render their record far from being either a pleasant or agreeable task.

With the exception of a good deal of outside discussion on the subject of independent Grand Lodges for each Province and all the other *et ceteras* connected therewith, Masonic affairs in this District proceeded quietly and harmoniously enough, until a body of Masons styling themselves the Grand Lodge of Quebec sprang into existence, and from the seed so sown grew a plentiful harvest of dissensions, secessions and rebellion. The first in the city of Quebec to embrace the doctrines of secession were the Lodges hailing under the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, who, casting aside their allegiance to, and the grand old banners of, the ancient and time honored parents from whom they, and all that is great, good and honorable throughout the Masonic world, derived their birth, ranged themselves under the petty pennon of a spurious and illegal body, which, being under the ban of the Grand Lodge of Canada, had not even the shadow of a claim to existence or recognition.

Acting upon the united influence of fealty to your most Most Worshipful body, and my own well-founded convictions that the action taken was unmasonic and illegal, I opposed to the utmost extent of my poor ability all co-operation with or acknowledgment of, the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec; for a time my representations and arguments were successful, and up to the month of December the Lodges of the District proved loyal and true. But in the meantime other influences were at work, not openly

and in the light of day as Masonic work ought always to be done, but in the dark, covertly and secretly, the result of which was at an emergent meeting of Harington Lodge, No. 49, held a week previous to St. John's day, despite every remonstrance and every argument, the Lodge passed a resolution by which it declared its secession from the Grand Lodge of Canada and its joining the so-called G. L. of Quebec. Immediately on the resolution being passed, I declared the Lodge suspended from all Masonic privileges, with the exception of seven Brethren and myself, who still remained true to their allegiance, and accompanied by these Brethren retired from the Lodge.

All these circumstances and many others concomitant upon them were duly reported by me to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who no doubt has the various documents on this matter ready for your perusal.

The Shawenegam and Garrison Lodges still remain true to duty and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In concluding this report I most sincerely trust that some decided action will be taken by the Grand Lodge of Canada in reference to this matter of secession. The condition of Masonry in this District is most anomalous and inconsistent, and calculated only to inspire feelings altogether at variance with the principles and teachings of our noble Order. The question is narrowed now to one or two things—expulsion of the secessionists or independent Grand Lodges for Ontario and Quebec—and whatever decision the Grand Lodge of Canada may come to, it will be welcomed as a boon to all good Masons, and it is to be hoped will put an end to the unmasonic bickerings and feelings which at present overshadow us with their influence.

The whole respectfully submitted.

ALEX. WALKER,
D. D. G. M., Quebec District.

QUEBEC, 1870.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. Seymour, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle, and

RESOLVED, That the reports of the D. D. G. Ms. be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D. D. G. M., on behalf of the Lodges and Brethren of Toronto, tendered to the officers of Grand Lodge, its members and Representatives, a cordial invitation to a Banquet to be given on Thursday, to-morrow evening.

R. W. Bro. Kerr likewise stated that the Board of Directors of the Mechanics' Institute, had kindly placed the use of its library and news-room at the service of the members attending Grand Lodge.

A letter was read from R. W. Bro. H. Montgomery, Grand Chaplain, expressing regret for his unavoidable absence from this annual Communication.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr gave notice that at the evening session of Grand Lodge he will move, that it be an instruction to the Board of General Purposes annually to appoint a Committee to report upon all decisions of the M. W. Grand Master upon Constitutional and other Masonic questions during the year then preceeding, and to select for publication, as an appendix to the proceedings of Grand Lodge, such as are of general importance to the Craft.

V. W. Bro. E. C. Barber gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Ottawa.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Hamilton.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr also gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that one or more Grand Lecturers be appointed.

M. W. Bro. A. Bernard gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the sum of \$500 of the General Fund of Grand Lodge be transferred to the Benevolent Fund.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet on to-morrow, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

THURSDAY, 14th July, 1870.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11.30 o'clock a. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, and unanimously

RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge of Canada hastens to convey to the M. W., and Right Honorable, the Earl de Grey and Ripon, its warmest congratulations on his elevation to the high and dignified position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England: this Grand Lodge retaining a grateful recollection of the valuable services rendered by Lord de Grey, when acting as its Representative in the Grand Lodge of England, confidently anticipates that his acknowledged ability, coupled with the great zeal which he has ever evinced in the cultivation and promotion of our divine art, will insure a continuance of that Masonic progress and prosperity which has so eminently distinguished the government of his illustrious predecessor, the Most Worshipful the Earl of Zetland.

It was moved M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and unanimously

RESOLVED, That the retirement of the M. W. the Earl of Zetland from the exalted position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, affords an opportunity of which the Grand Lodge of Canada hasten to avail themselves—to express the regret which they, in common with Masons everywhere, feel on his resigning a position, the duties of which he has ever ably and impartially discharged, and at the same time to express their admiration and appreciation of the great ability and unwearied zeal displayed by his Lordship, during the twenty-six years in which he so worthily occupied the Masonic throne, and also to assure our Most Worshipful Brother that, in retiring from the chair, he carries with him not only the profound esteem and fraternal regards of this Grand Lodge, and of the Craft generally, but also their earnest aspirations that the Great Architect of the Universe may crown his declining years with peace, happiness and prosperity.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Simpson, and unanimously

RESOLVED, That engrossed copies of these resolutions, under the Seal of this Grand Lodge, be now prepared, and that the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to forward them to the distinguished Brethren referred to therein:

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

RESOLVED, That the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) of the General Fund of Grand Lodge be transferred to the Benevolent Fund.

R. W. Bro. Manning, D. D. G. M., 22nd District of the State of New York, and

R. W. Bro. W. A. Holwell, P.G.J.W., of Upper Canada, were introduced, saluted, and invited to seats on the Dais.

The President of the Board of General Purposes submitted the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes has the honor to report for the information of Grand Lodge that the semi-annual meeting of the Board was held in the town of Cobourg, on the 1st and 2nd February, 1869. The books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, together with the accounts, statements and vouchers, submitted for the financial year ending the 31st day of December, 1869, were carefully examined, and found correct; and it has pleasure in stating that the uniform, neat and accurate condition in which they are kept calls for the highest commendation.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

During the year the receipts from all sources were \$9,683.48, showing an increase of \$1,070.75 over the previous year, of which the following is a recapitulation:

Certificates	\$2,627 00
Dues	4,420 40
Fees	1,585 50
Dispensations	431 00
Warrants	140 00
Constitutions	430 97
Proceedings	48 61
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	\$9,683 48

The Grand Treasurer's statements show the following to be the position of Grand Lodge funds at the close of the year, viz.:

General Fund account	\$24,936 47
Benevolent Fund Investment account ..	9,486 41
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	\$35,301 56
Asylum Trust Fund	5,081 01
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Total	\$40,382 57

Which are invested as shown below :

Dominion Stock controlled by G. Lodge,	\$24,000 00
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Trust	4,800 00
Middlesex Debentures, at 6 per cent...	1,600 00
Bank Montreal, Toronto, for Asylum	
account	281 01
Bank Commerce, Simcoe, general acc't,	
at 5 per cent.....	9,701 56
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	\$40,382 57

The Masonic Asylum Trust Fund now amounts to \$5,081.01, and is thus invested :

Dominion Stock at 6 per cent	\$4,800 00
In Bank of Montreal.....	281 01
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	\$5,081 01

The year's expenditure for all purposes was \$5,950.84 being \$2,463.28 over that of the previous year. This increase is made up as follows :

Expenses of Board at February meeting	
per res. G. L.....	\$288 80
Expenses of Board at July meeting....	553 46
Amount voted to Benevolent Fund	500 00
Increase, Benevolence.....	1,016 10
Sundries	104 92
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	\$2,463 28

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

The Board carefully examined the following accounts, which, being found correct, were ordered to be paid, viz. :

Messrs. T. & R. White, printing, &c.....	\$666 80
“ Copp, Clark & Co., certificates	173 83
“ Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery	12 87

A. A. Stevenson, printing in 1866.....	\$47 13
Tyling Grand Lodge at Special Com.....	12 00
Henry Groff, contingent expenses, G. Treas...	5 20
Murray & Co., Grand Lodge photograph and Key.....	4 25
R. Haigh, binding	15 00
Toronto Printing Committee, circulars, tenders	4 00
John Lovell, advertising meeting G. Lodge ..	4 78
President Board of General Purposes, postage account	5 00
Grand Secretary, assistant in office.....	150 00
G. Secretary, expenses at An. Communication	31 60
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Freemasons' Magazine.....	4 33
Expenses G. Sec. and T. White, as deputation to Detroit.....	30 00
" R. W. Bro. Gutman, Three Rivers ..	5 00
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	\$1,203 24

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board had before it numerous deserving applications for relief, which were authorized to be met by the following appropriations, viz.:

R.W. Bro. W., through W. M. Oxford Lodge, No. 76,	\$25 00
Bro. M., " W. M. King Solomon's Lodge,	
No. 43,	30 00
Bro. I., " D. D. G. M. Wellington Dist....	50 00
Bro. B., " W. M. Plattsville Lodge, No. 178	20 00
Mrs. S., " M. W. Bro. A. Bernard.....	40 00
Bro. C., " W. M. United Lodge, No. 29...	25 00
Bro. M., " " " " " " ...	30 00
Mrs. B., " " Sussex Lodge, No. 5.....	20 00
Bro. G., " " Vaughan Lodge, No. 46..	20 00
Bro. C., " " St. Andrew's " " 62..	25 00
Mrs. A., " M. W. Bro. A. Bernard.....	25 00
Mrs. F., " W. M. Speed Lodge, No. 180...	20 00

Mrs. W.,	through W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 40.	\$20 00
Mrs. T.,	" " " " "	. 20 00
Mrs. D.,	" " " " "	. 20 00
Mrs. B.,	" " " " "	. 20 00
Bro. C.,	" " " " "	. 20 00
Mrs. F.,	" " Gt. Western Lodge, No. 47	25 00
Mrs. B.,	" " St. John's Lodge, No. 17.	20 00
Mrs. P.,	" " " " "	. 20 00
Mrs. M.,	" M. W. Bro. Simpson.....	20 00
Mrs. C.,	" R. W. Bro. J. Milne	40 00
Toronto Board of Relief.....		100 00
Montreal " "		100 00
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		\$755 00

GRAND LODGE REGALIA.

Pursuant to the resolution of Grand Lodge, passed at its last Annual Communication, (see Proceedings, pp. 93) the Board applied to several respectable dealers in Regalia for estimates of the terms upon which a new set would be supplied by them respectively, and received tenders from the following, viz.:

Henry Grant, Montreal.....	\$2,067 00
Joseph & Co., Toronto.....	1,958 00
W. C. Morrison, do	1,922 00
Geo. Kenning, London, England ...	1,389 90 or
	(£282 11s. 0d.)

After careful comparison of these tenders, and taking into consideration the quality of the goods and known reliability of the house of George Kenning, of London, England, it was resolved that his tender as above be accepted; and the Grand Secretary was authorized and empowered to order the same at once, so as to be ready for use at the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

PROVISION FOR SPECIAL EXPENSES.

In view of the fact that certain outlays have been, and will of necessity required to be incurred in order to place the actual position of the Grand Lodge in reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec fairly before our sister Grand Lodges of the world, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, That any expense the M. W. Grand Master has incurred, or may see fit to incur, by either visiting personally, or by delegation, any sister Grand Lodge, or any other outlay that he considers necessary to maintain the integrity of the Grand Lodge of Canada, this Board will cheerfully sanction.

RE-DIVISION OF DISTRICTS.

The Board took into consideration the various resolutions passed by Grand Lodge from time to time, having reference to a re-division of the Masonic Districts of its jurisdiction, and appointed a special committee, consisting of R. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr, P. J. Brown, Otto Klotz, M. Gutman, and the Grand Secretary, to deal with the question, and report to Grand Lodge at the present Annual Communication.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board took action upon the cases of Grievances and Appeals, detailed below, viz. :

Bro. Lewis Clement, of Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford, having been summoned to show cause why the recommendation of said Lodge for his expulsion for unmasonic conduct should not be carried out; and said Brother having failed to appear in response to said summons, the Grand Secretary was directed to issue a peremptory summons, requiring said Brother to show cause at the ensuing Annual Communication of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled.

R. W. Bro. Franek, of Antiquity Lodge, Montreal, having failed to appear in response to a summons requiring him to show cause why he should not be expelled for unmasonic conduct, as recommended by Antiquity Lodge; and having

put in a letter with the view of staying proceedings, it was resolved that the consideration of the charges against said R. W. Bro. be deferred till the next annual meeting of this Board, and that G. Secretary summon him to appear before Grand Lodge to answer said charges and show cause why Antiquity Lodge recommendation should not be carried out. Also, that Antiquity Lodge be summoned to produce all books and papers having reference to the charges against R. W. Bro. Franck, at Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. B. C. Davy's appeal against the action of Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee, was referred to the D. D. G. M. of the Prince Edward District, to examine into, and if possible effect an amicable adjustment of all the difficulties; failing which, the Grand Secretary was directed to summon all the parties concerned to appear before the Board at its annual meeting in July.

An application was read from Mr. Chas. Scott, of Millford, asking reimbursement of certain expenses incurred in relieving the wants of Bro. John Sheriff, represented as destitute of means to support himself; when it was ordered that Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, be enquired of by the Grand Secretary concerning the matter.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

The Board having had before it a circular letter from the Grand Orient of France, announcing a declaration agreed to at the general assembly held 8th July, 1869, "that neither color, race, nor religion, is a barrier to the entrance of a profane into the Masonic family." The Grand Secretary was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the circular, and to reply that no distinction of race, color or religion has ever been recognized as a qualification for initiates by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The action of the special committee charged at the last semi-annual meeting of the Board with arranging terms of rent, &c., of Grand Secretary's office, was approved; said rent being fixed at \$120 per annum, in full of fuel, taxes, and all other charges. The Grand Secretary was also authorized to procure the necessary fixtures and furniture to make the office suitable for Grand Lodge purposes.

EXPENSES OF BOARD.

The Board, having in view the resolutions of Grand Lodge requiring that payment only be made of actual expenses incurred by its members in attending the semi-annual meetings, has ascertained the same for this meeting to be \$187.94, which amount was paid accordingly, when the business was finished.

HOSPITALITIES AND COURTESIES.

The Board cannot close its report without bearing testimony to the courteous attention shown it by R. W. Bro. Weller and the Cobourg Brethren, whose fraternal hospitality did much to render the semi-annual meeting pleasant and profitable to all concerned. The visit of the M. W. Grand Master to St. John's Lodge, No. 17, during the stay in Cobourg, was also a feature attended with beneficial results and well deserves special mention.

The whole respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JAS. SEYMOUR,

BOARD ROOM, TORONTO,
11th July, 5870.

P.B.G.P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, and

RESOLVED, That the Annual Report of the Board be received.

The President, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the financial statements of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the half year ending June 30th, 1870, with the books and vouchers submitted and find the same correct.

The receipts for the past half year amount to \$4,346.74, which were derived from the following sources, viz.:

Certificates	\$1,120 00
Dues	2,180 84
Fees	662 50
Dispensations	132 00
Warrants	20 00
Constitutions	224 83
Proceedings	6 57
Total	<u>\$4,346 74</u>

The Grand Treasurer's statement shows to the credit of the Grand Lodge the following amounts:

General Fund	\$24,519 28
Benevolent Fund Investment account..	10,454 76
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Asylum Fund	5,232 31
Total	<u>\$41,177 27</u>

Which are invested as follows:

Dominion Stock (6 per cent).....	\$28,800 00
Middlesex Debentures (6 per cent)	1,600 00
(Asylum Fund) Bank of Toronto (4 per cent)	432 31
Bank of Commerce (5 per cent).....	10,344 96
Total	<u>\$41,177 27</u>

The Board have also examined the following documents and recommend the payment of the same, viz.:

T. & R. White, printing	\$65 25
Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery	8 53
Charles Magill, oil cloth, &c	39 50
Robt. Beatty, duties on regalia	218 15
George Kenning, freight and insurance do.	35 00
Richard Haigh, binding	93 35
Assistance in G. Secretary's office.....	175 00
W. W. Summers, book case.....	35 00
Copp, Clark & Co., certificates.....	144 03
	<u>\$813 81</u>

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, and

RESOLVED, That the Semi-Annual Report of Board on Audit and Finance be received.

The President, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following Report on so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Master as had reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, having carefully considered that portion of it relating to the unhappy differences existing in a portion of the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, beg to submit the following resolutions for the adoption of Grand Lodge:

1. That, in the opinion of Grand Lodge, nothing has occurred to justify a departure from the principles unanimously adopted by it at its special communication, held at Montreal on the 1st December last, affirming the full Masonic occupation of the Territory over which it has exercised jurisdiction since its formation.

2. That, instead of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec attracting to itself the Lodges working in that Province, the number of Lodges remaining loyal to the Grand Lodge of Canada is the same as in December.

3. That, in justice to these loyal Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Canada ought not to withdraw that protection over them which was guaranteed when their formation was warranted, and which protection can only be made permanent and assured by a continued assertion by the Grand Lodge of Canada of its jurisdiction over every part of its Territory.

4. That in view of the large number of Lodges in that part of the territory of Grand Lodge, in which exclusive jurisdiction is claimed by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, who still desire to maintain their allegiance to Grand Lodge, it is not desirable on grounds of expediency to withdraw from the exercise of jurisdiction in the usurped Province.

5. That Grand Lodge trusts that more full discussion and consideration will remove the difficulties which now unhappily prevail, and restore the full authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada over all Masonic Lodges within its jurisdiction.

6. That Grand Lodge regrets that certain Grand Lodges, upon imperfect knowledge as it assumes, have extended a recognition to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

7. That in abstaining for the present, from the exercise of its right of expulsion of Brethren who have been sum-

moned to show cause at this annual communication why they should not be expelled, Grand Lodge is influenced only by a desire to avoid any step which might possibly retard the restoration of Masonic harmony within its jurisdiction.

And with reference to that part of the Grand Master's address referring to the issue of duplicate Warrants to certain Lodges, the Board is of opinion that the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master be concurred in, and that duplicate Warrants be issued accordingly.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. SEYMOUR,
Pres. B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, and

RESOLVED, That the foregoing report be received.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thomas White, jun., seconded by R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, and

RESOLVED, That the various clauses of the report be considered *serialim*.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, and seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Milne,

That clause 1 of the report of the Board be adopted.

A lengthy discussion arose upon the advisability of requiring the attendance of the suspended Brethren, for the purpose of hearing any explanations of their proceedings they might desire to offer, before the consideration of the report of the Board of General Purposes.

It was moved in amendment by V. W. Bro. A. Diamond, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington,

That the vote be deferred until after the Brethren from Quebec, now under suspension, should be allowed to be heard in explanation of their conduct in withdrawing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for the space of one hour.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 3.20 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. Chas. Kahn gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that a special grant of \$120 be made to Bro. Illing, of New Dominion Lodge, No. 205.

The President, on behalf of the Board submitted the following report on Constitution and Regulations.

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes to whom were referred all matters connected with "Constitution and Regulations," begs leave to report the pleasing fact that there is not one case of unconstitutionality in the work of any of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The Board having carefully considered and examined with due care the several applications for Warrants, from fifteen Lodges now working under Dispensations, and being satisfied with the regularity and efficiency of their work, and with the manner in which it is recorded, respectfully

recommend that Warrants of Constitution be granted by Grand Lodge, namely: Credit Lodge, Georgetown; Zerodatha Lodge, Uxbridge; Mountain Lodge, Thorold; Marmora Lodge, Marmora; Norwood Lodge, Norwood; Zurich Lodge, Zurich; Bernard Lodge, Listowel; Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal; Sutton Lodge, Sutton Flatt; Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa; Kerr Lodge, Belle Ewart; Ionic Lodge, Brampton; Cameron Lodge, Wallacetown; Lodge of Fidelity Ottawa; Doric Lodge, Park Hill.

The Board has much pleasure in calling attention to the perfect manner in which the books of the above Lodges have been kept. In this connection, Mountain Lodge, Thorold, Ionic Lodge, Brampton, and Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, are deserving of especial commendation.

The Board has also had under consideration the petitions for the following new Lodges, viz.: Manitoba Lodge, Bondhead; *St. Tammany Lodge, Clarksburg; Aldworth Lodge, Paisley; Havelock Lodge, Watford; Vienna Lodge, Vienna; all of which have been recommended by the District Deputy Grand Masters for the respective Districts; but there are no certificates from them, as to the efficiency of the persons nominated for the Worshipful Master's chair in the above Lodges. The Board would therefore recommend that Warrants of Constitution be granted by Grand Lodge, to be issued upon the M. W. the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master, for the respective Districts, being satisfied in the usual manner that the proposed Masters are capable of conferring the three degrees of Craft Masonry as recognized by Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

RESOLVED, That the report of the Board on Constitution and Warrants be received and adopted.

*Name subsequently changed to "Beaver."—G. SEC.

R. W. Bro. James M. Austin, M. D., Grand Secretary of the State of New York was announced and introduced to the Grand Lodge, and was saluted with the Masonic Grand Honors. The M. W. Grand Master invited the R. W. Brother to a seat on the Dais.

The debate upon the report of the Board on so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as had reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, was resumed.

A remark having been made that the R. W. Grand Secretary had in his possession a communication from one of the suspended Brethren in reply to the summons sent him to appear and show cause,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thomas White, jun., seconded by V. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, and

RESOLVED, That the Grand Secretary be requested to read any letters in his possession from Brethren who have been summoned to show cause at this Communication of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the resolution passed at the Emergent Communication in December last.

In compliance with the tenor of the foregoing resolution of Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary read the following letter :

MONTREAL, 30TH JUNE, 1870.

TO THOS. B. HARRIS, ESQ.,

G. Sec. Grand Lodge of Canada.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of an official communication from you, under date 13th June, inst., summoning me to appear before the G. L. of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, at its annual Communication, to be held in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, on Thursday, the 14th day of July next, to "show cause why I should not be expelled from the privileges of Free Masonry.

In reply, I have to state that in view of what I conceive to be the illegal, unjust, and arbitrary conduct of the Grand Master and G. L. of Canada towards me by my suspension, subsequent proceedings, and the issue of the above summons I consider it my duty to decline so to appear and for the reasons :

1st. That being a mason of good standing, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and being amenable to that body alone for my unmasonic acts, and owing and admitting no allegiance to the G. L. of C., this latter body has no legal right whatever to summon me to appear before it, or in any way to adjudicate on my actions.

2nd. That even if the G. L. of C. held jurisdiction over me, it could not call upon me "to show cause why I should not be expelled," *i. e.*, punished, until *after* I had been accused, furnished with a copy of the specific charges against me, tried and declared guilty—not one of which proceedings has ever yet been adopted.

3rd. That the G. L. of C. has already, at its last special communication, in my absence, on the *ex parte* statements of the G. M. and others, and without giving me any chance of defence, or opportunity to refute such statements, and contrary to all precedents of justice, prejudged my cause "unanimously and emphatically condemned (my alleged) actions." *Vide* report of Special Committee, clause 3, adopted by G. L. of C.

In conclusion, I desire to state that I make this reply to your communication, and take exceptions to the acts of your G. L. on the grounds above given, from no spirit of disrespect to your G. L., or from any desire to increase or complicate the present difficulties unhappily existing throughout the Craft in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. And, as an evidence of my sincerity, I hereby declare that I am ready and willing at any time to give to

your Grand Lodge, or to any of its officers or members, the fullest information and explanation of my Masonic acts, if invited in a fraternal spirit to do so.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours respectfully,

JOHN H. ISAACSON.

In amendment to the amendment,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thos. White, junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, and

RESOLVED, That the Brethren who have been summoned to appear before Grand Lodge to show cause, in accordance with the resolution of the Emergent Communication at Montreal, in December last, at this Annual Communication, be now called to offer any explanations they may have to make of their conduct.

The amendment having been submitted to a vote of Grand Lodge it was declared in the affirmative with but very few dissentients.

The names of the suspended Brethren who had been summoned to appear at this Communication of Grand to show cause were formally called, without any response.

It having been suggested that R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson was at the Rossin House, it was determined by Grand Lodge that a copy of the foregoing resolution should be prepared and sent to R. W. Bro. Isaacson, and the debate adjourned until his reply was received.

In accordance with notice given at the last annual Communication, R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi moved the following.

That the Constitution be so amended as to vest the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters in the M. W. Grand Master.

On a vote of Grand Lodge the motion was declared *lost*.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, seconded by V. W. Bro. Thos. White, jun., and

RESOLVED, That the Board of General Purposes be instructed to lay before the Grand Lodge, during the present Communication, a detailed statement of all amounts paid to officers and members of Grand Lodge from funds of Grand Lodge, for travelling or incidental expenses, since last Annual Communication, such statement to contain the name of the officers or members to whom such payments were made, the reason for making such payments, and the authority for such expenditure.

R. W. Bro. J. Seymour, on behalf of the Board, having anticipated the foregoing resolution, had prepared the return called for which he read.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson,

That Section 7 "of Proposing Members" in the Constitution, be so amended that no candidate for initiation be accepted unless he receive the unanimous vote of the members present.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the resolution, it was declared *lost*.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, seconded by W. Bro. J. F. Chamberlain and

RESOLVED, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Ottawa.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr gave notice that at the next annual Communication he will move to amend the Con-

stitution by striking out clause 3 under the head "of Proposing Members" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

CLAUSE 3. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless at the request of that Lodge by resolution, which shall be signified in writing under the hand of the Master and Secretary, and the Seal of the Lodge, or by dispensation of the Grand Master, and in case of any initiation by a Lodge at the request of another Lodge as aforesaid, the ballot must be taken in the Lodge making such request, and the fees be paid over to that Lodge immediately after the initiation. The jurisdiction extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge—provided always that in a city or town where there is more than one Lodge, each Lodge shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, seconded by W. Bro. B. Patterson, and

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$40 be paid to V. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the year 1869, as a slight acknowledgment of the services rendered in the preparation of said report.

W. Bro. John E. Harding gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that Article 1, of Deputy Grand Master, Book of Constitution, which requires that the Deputy Grand Master shall not be elected for that portion of the province in which the Grand Master resides, be suspended for the present time.

At this point of the proceedings the Grand Pursuivant announced that V. W. Bros. R. P. Stephens, G. S. D., and Charles Sharpe, G. Dir. of Cer., who had been entrusted with the duty of delivering to R. W. Bro. Isaacson a copy of the resolution of Grand Lodge to appear and offer any explanation he might desire to make of his conduct, had returned, and they handed to the Grand Secretary a letter containing the following reply:

ROSSIN HOUSE, 14th July, 1870.

T. B. HARRIS, ESQ.,

Grand Sec. G. L. of Canada, A. F. and A. M., &c., &c.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of to-day's date, enclosing copy of resolution passed in your Grand Lodge, and in reply beg respectfully to state, that I cannot but consider the said resolution to be a repetition of the summons already sent to me, to appear before Grand Lodge and show cause why I should not be expelled, and to which I have already replied; and so am obliged to respectfully decline to appear under said summons. If, however, your Grand Lodge will give me any opportunity of appearing before it without compromising my position as laid down in my reply to the original summons, I shall be happy to do so.

I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON.

The consideration of the report of the Board was again resumed.

Clause 1 of the report of the Board on address was submitted to Grand Lodge and adopted.

V. W. Bro. Thomas White, jr., moved the adoption of clause 2.

In amendment,

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington,

That the Grand Lodge of Canada, although still adhering to the conclusions contained in the first and second clauses of the Report adopted at the special Emergent Meeting held at the City of Montreal, on the 1st of December last, but having no desire to assert sovereignty over a province in which the majority of the Lodges, and so large a majority of the Brethren have already declared their desire for separa-

tion, and actuated by the true spirit of Masonry, hereby recognises the Grand Lodge of Quebec as a sister Grand Lodge, and cordially extends to her the right hand of fellowship; reserving, however, full control and authority over those Lodges in the Province of Quebec which still desire to continue their connection with the Grand Lodge, and requiring also on their behalf a full recognition of all their rights and Masonic privileges.

Several members of Grand Lodge spoke in favor of and others against the amendment, and the question having been fully and maturely considered,

The amendment was submitted to a vote of Grand Lodge, and was declared *lost* by a very large majority.

The remaining clauses of the Report were then severally submitted and adopted without opposition.

The Report of the Board as a whole was submitted to Grand Lodge and adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 10.30 o'clock, p. m., to attend a Banquet to be given by the Brethren of Toronto, to the Grand Officers, and Representatives in attendance at this Annual Communion.

FRIDAY, 15th July, 1870.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11.30 a. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

V. W. Bro. T. White, jun., on behalf of the Board, submitted a report on so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Master as had reference to general matters.

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, in reference to the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, begs to report as follows :

The Board learns with pleasure the continued prosperity of the Craft, as evidenced by the formation of new Lodges, and is especially pleased to know that great care has been exercised to obtain reliable information as to the need for more Lodges in the respective Districts in which they were sought to be located, before the issue of Dispensations.

The Board also regards with satisfaction the action of Goderich Lodge, No. 720, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, in resigning their English Warrant, and taking a Canadian Warrant instead. It welcomes the Brethren of Goderich Lodge into the fraternity of Canadian Masons, and trusts that it may be but the advance guard in a general adhesion of Lodges of other jurisdictions, within the territory of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to this Grand Lodge.

The Board approves of the action of the Grand Master in appointing representatives of Grand Lodge near a number of foreign Grand Lodges, and hopes that the friendly correspondence thus established may long uninterruptedly continue.

The appointment by the Grand Master of a D. D. G. M. for the Bedford District, in the place of R. W. Bro. Robinson, who removed from this country, is recommended for confirmation by Grand Lodge.

With regard to the suggestion having reference to the preservation and publication of decisions on questions of Masonic law given by Grand Masters during their term of

office, the Board highly approves of the suggestion and recommends it for the adoption of Grand Lodge. In order to give it affect the Board is of opinion that the Grand Master should be requested to submit, as a supplement to his address at the opening of each Annual Communication, all the decisions given by him during the year; that these be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, whose duty it will be to select such as they may deem of sufficient general importance, for publication in the annual report of the proceedings.

The Board approves highly of the establishment of District Grand Lodges of Instruction, and recommends that the special thanks of Grand Lodge be given to those District Deputy Grand Masters, who have, at so much sacrifice of time, established Lodges. They concur with the Grand Master in his opinion that such meetings are among the most effective methods of imparting Masonic instruction, and securing entire uniformity of work.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR,

P. B. G. P.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. T. White, jr., seconded by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi, and

RESOLVED, That the foregoing report on the M. W. Grand Master's address be received.

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board of General Purposes has had under consideration the very large number of applications for relief which have been handed in or made on behalf of Brethren or of their widows and orphans, and after a careful inquiry recommend that the following sums be applied from the fund of Benevolence :

1.	Bro. G.,	to be paid through W. Bro. Pitceathly.	\$25 00
2.	" O'C.,	" " " " " "	25 00
3.	Mrs. M. S.,	" " R. " " Otto Klotz.	20 00
4.	Bro. O. I.,	" " " " " "	80 00
5.	Mrs. W. H.,	" " W. M. Sharon Lodge,	
		No. 97	25 00
6.	Mrs. C.,	" " R.W. Bro. A. DeGrassi,	20 00
7.	" E.W.G.,	" " " " J.E. Brooke,	25 00
8.	" J. T.,	" " " " " "	25 00
9.	" W.,	" " " " " "	20 00
10.	Bro. S.,	" " W. M. Prince Edward	
		Lodge, No. 18	30 00
11.	Mrs. B.,	" " W. Bro. R. Kemp,	
		Lodge No. 7	30 00
12.	Bro. D.,	" " D.D.G.M., Huron Dist.	40 00
13.	Mrs. G.W. A.,	" " R.W. Bro. P. J. Brown	50 00
14.	Bro. H.,	" " " " M. H. Spencer	50 00
15.	Bro. J. M.,	" " " " J. K. Kerr...	30 00
16.	" I. R.,	" " " " " " ...	30 00
17.	" I. G.,	" " " " " "	30 00
18.	Mrs. W. W.	" " " " Wm. McCabe.	50 00
19.	Bro. H. C.	" " " " " "	30 00
20.	Mrs. S.	" " M. " A. Bernard...	50 00
21.	Mrs. McV.,	" " " " " " ...	40 00
22.	Bro. G.,	" " " " " " ...	25 00
23.	" I. K. M.,	" " R. " J. E. Brooke .	40 00
24.	Mrs. F.,	" " V. " J. Bowman ..	25 00
25.	Mrs. B.,	" " R. " W. H. Weller,	25 00
26.	" I. McG.,	" " " " T. Matheson..	30 00
27.	" G. H.,	" " " " J. K. Kerr...	25 00
28.	" Fitz. K.,	" " " " J. E. Brooke,.	50 00
29.	" J. F. Q.,	" " W. M. Valley Lodge,	
		No. 100	30 00
30.	Mrs. J. P.,	" " R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr	25 00
31.	" I. C.,	" " M. " " W. M. Wilson	20 00
32.	" F.,	" " W. M. Speed Lodge	
		No. 180	25 00
33.	Bro. C. M.,	" " R.W. Bro. Wm. McCabe	30 00

34. Bro. G.	"	"	W. M. Albion Lodge, No. 80.....	\$60 00
35. Bro. R. B.	"	"	R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr	40 00
36. Miss M. D.,	"	"	" " Alex. Walker	30 00
37. Bro. C. B.,	"	"	" " Otto Klotz...	25 00
38. Mrs. W. J. B.,	"	"	" " J. K. Kerr ..	30 00
39. " B. S.,	"	"	" " Jno. V. Noel,	30 00
40. " N. McD.,	"	"	M. W. " W. B. Simpson	80 00
41. " L.,	"	"	R. W. " John Parry..	25 00
42. " W. C. C.,	"	"	" " Jas. Clealand	20 00
43. " E.,	"	"	" " Rev. Hy. Bart- lett	30 00
44. " W. I.,	"	"	W. M. Union Lodge No. 118.....	25 00
45. " T. T.,	"	"	" " "	25 00
46. " T.,	"	"	V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle	20 00
47. " C.,	"	"	" " " " "	20 00
48. " B.,	"	"	" " " " "	20 00
49. Hamilt'n B. F.	"	"	" " " " "	50 00
50. Bro. C.,	"	"	R. W. Bro. Wm. Mc- Cabe	25 00
51. " A. McC.,	"	"	M. W. " A. Bernard.	10 00
52. Mrs. T.,	"	"	W. M. Union Lodge, No. 9.....	25 00
53. Bro. I. C.,	"	"	V. W. Bro. J. Bain...	40 00
54. " R. B.,	"	"	R. W. " J. K. Kerr,	25 00
55. G. W. Lodge, No. 47,	"	"	W. M. G. W. Lodge, No. 47.....	100 00
56. Mrs. D. S.,	"	"	" Brome Lake Lodge, No. 211	25 00
57. Mrs. W.,	"	"	R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke	30 00
58. Thistle Lodge, No. 34,	"	"	W. M. Thistle Lodge, No. 34	16 00
59. Mrs. P.,	"	"	W. Bro. Patterson, Lodge, No. 119	25 00
" S.,	"	"	W. M. Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39	25 00

61.	Montreal B. F.	through	M. W. Bro. A. Bernard	\$100 00
62.	Toronto B. F.,	"	R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr	100 00
63.	Mrs. F.,	"	M. W. " W. M. Wilson	50 00
64.	Bro. R.,	"	" " " "	25 00
65.	Mrs. F. I.,	"	W. M. Durham Lodge,	
			No. 66.....	25 00
66.	Bro. M.,	"	W. M. King Solomon's	
			Lodge, No. 43	40 00
67.	Mrs. P.,	"	M. W. Bro. A. A. Ste-	
			venson	50 00
68.	Orphan T. T.,	"	W. M. Albion Lodge,	
			No. 80.....	15 00
69.	Mrs. J. T.,	"	W. M. Niagara Lodge,	
			No. 2.....	25 00
70.	Bro. S. C.,	"	" " "	25 00
71.	Mr. P.,	"	" Corinthian Lodge	
			No. 69.....	25 00
72.	Mrs. S.,	"	" Leeds Lodge, No.	
			201	25 00
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				\$2,456 00

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. Chas. Kahn, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report on

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to report upon the several cases of Grievances and Appeals, which have been brought before it, as follows :

1. In the case of Bro. Henry Brecker, who has been suspended by Tudor Lodge, No. 141, it is recommended that the suspension do stand until the next half-yearly meeting of the Board.

2. In the case of W. Bro. Joseph T. Carson, who has been suspended by Union Lodge, No. 118, it is recommended that the suspension be confirmed.

3. The suspension of Bro. John Bosanko by Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, it is also recommended should be confirmed.

4. On the 4th Sept., 1869, W. Bro. Thomas Ellison was suspended by Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, for embezzling part of the proceeds of a ball held in aid of the building fund of the Lodge, against this action W. Bro. Ellison has appealed. It appears that the W. Bro. was not tried for the alleged offence nor indeed summoned for that purpose. It is therefore recommended that the suspension be at once removed and the W. Bro. restored. Upon the merits of the case, which have been investigated as fully as the materials and evidence produced would allow, the Board is of opinion that no advantage to the Lodge will be gained by further prosecution of the matter.

5. W. Bro. William Given has been suspended by Burn's Lodge, No. 153, for exercising his right as landlord to distrain for non-payment of rent due by his Lodge, and has appealed. In the absence of any regulation similar to that which obtains in England, declaring that a landlord shall not have a lien upon Lodge property, the Board thinks that the Lodge was not justified in suspending W. Bro. Given under the circumstances. It is therefore recommended that the suspension be removed.

6. Bro. Lewis Clement having been summoned peremptorily for this Communication to show cause why he should not be expelled. Having failed to appear, it is recommended that he be expelled from the Craft.

7. Bro. John Burns having been, on the 29th March last, suspended by Tudor Lodge, No. 141, for unmasonic conduct. It is recommended that his suspension be confirmed, and that he be summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled.

8. It is also recommended that Bro. William Purdy, suspended by King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, should be summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled.

9. The complaint made by W. Bro. W. C. Morrison, of Stevenson Lodge, against W. Bro. Joseph Adams, of St. Andrew's Lodge, for slander, has been referred to the Board by the D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District. Both parties have been heard, and such evidence as was adduced has been considered. The Board finds that there is no evidence that W. Bro. Morrison has been guilty of any offence which would justify W. Bro. Adams in making the statements with respect to the character of the former, which he admits having made. The statements made must therefore be held to have been slanderous and unmasonic and W. Bro. Adams should be severely reprimanded.

10. A complaint has been made by the W. M. of Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby, against Richardson Lodge, No. 139, for having initiated W. A. Law into Freemasonry within a year after his removal from Whitby to Stouffville without consultation with Composite Lodge. This is a very grave Masonic offence, and there were especial reasons why the regulations of Grand Lodge in this case should have been carefully followed. This action of Richardson Lodge seems to have been taken through ignorance or forgetfulness for which the W. M. has expressed his regret. It appears, however, that Bro. Law was passed after the attention of the Lodge had been called to the facts. This, of course, increases the offence, but as the peacemaker does not desire that the full penalty should be imposed in this instance, the Board recommends that Richardson Lodge be severely reprimanded.

In the case of the appeal of R. W. Bro. B. C. Davy against the action of Union Lodge, Napanee, in dismissing his complaint against Bros. Robert and Arthur Downey, the Board is of opinion that the matter should be referred back to the Lodge for further investigation.

In the case of the appeal of R. W. Bro. Davy against the decision of the same Lodge, sustaining the complaint made by Bro. Robert Downey against him. It is recommended that the appeal be allowed.

In the case of R. W. Bro. I. C. Franck, it is recommended that inasmuch as he did not appear to answer the charge preferred against him by certain members of Antiquity Lodge, owing to his having supposed that his appeal, or protest to the D. D. G. M. was sufficient to stay proceedings, pending the decision of that officer; and, whereas, such appeal, or protest was made known to Antiquity Lodge; and whereas the decision of the D. D. G. M. upon such appeal, or protest, was not communicated to R. W. Bro. Franck in time to enable him to appear on the evening fixed by the Lodge for investigating the charge against him; and whereas the Lodge did then proceed with his trial, in his absence, although his desire and expressed intention to defend himself, either in person or by counsel, was made known to the Lodge previous to the trial; and whereas the Lodge did nevertheless proceed without having given him an opportunity of defending himself—now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That without attaching any blame to Antiquity Lodge in the premises, the whole matter be referred back to the Lodge, with an instruction to summon R. W. Bro. Franck to answer the said charge and to proceed with his trial thereupon, in order that the accused Brother may have an opportunity of defending himself, and obtain that justice which is a fundamental principle of our time-honored institution, and which every Brother may justly claim as a right.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR,

P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Matheson, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Matheson,

That a special grant of Fifty Dollars be appropriated from the funds of Grand Lodge to Bro. Illing.

On a vote of Grand Lodge being taken the motion was declared *lost*.

It was moved by W. Bro. S. E. Mitchell, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. J. Gemmell,

That 1,000 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its formation to the present time be re-printed. That a full index of the same be prepared and also printed. That they then be bound together in the most convenient form, and sold to Lodges and the members thereof, at the cost of printing and binding, and that the whole be ready if possible, on or before the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary to notify all Lodges, by circular, when ready.

On a vote of Grand Lodge being taken the motion was declared *lost*.

R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on the

RE-DIVISION OF MASONIC DISTRICTS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to recommend that the following re-division of Masonic Districts be adopted:

1. ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, to consist of the Counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton.

2. LONDON DISTRICT, to consist of the city of London, the Counties of Middlesex and Elgin, except the Township of Bayham.

3. WILSON DISTRICT, the same as before, including the Township of Bayham.

4. HURON DISTRICT, as before.

5. WELLINGTON DISTRICT, as before.
6. HAMILTON DISTRICT, to consist of the city of Hamilton, and the Counties of Wentworth and Halton.
7. NIAGARA DISTRICT, to consist of the Counties of Lincoln, Haldimand and Welland.
8. TORONTO DISTRICT, as before.
9. ONTARIO DISTRICT, as before.
10. PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, as before.
11. ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, as before.
12. OTTAWA DISTRICT, as before.

And that any Lodge opened in the Territories lying north of the present Districts to be added by the Grand Master to such District as he shall consider the most convenient.

13. MONTREAL DISTRICT, as before.
14. ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT, to consist of that portion of the late Eastern Townships District, comprising the Judicial District of the Eastern Townships and all the Territory east of the District, and all the Territory east of the river St. Francis, and south of the river St. Lawrence.

15. BEDFORD DISTRICT, to consist of that portion of the late Eastern Townships District west of the St. Francis District.

16. QUEBEC DISTRICT, to consist of the city of Quebec and the Lodge at Point Levis, and the Territory lying to the north and south sides of the St. Lawrence river below the city of Quebec.

JAMES SEYMOUR,

P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr,

That the report of the Board on the Re-division of Districts be received.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. T. White, jr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

RESOLVED, that the election of Grand Officers be the first order of business for the afternoon Session of Grand Lodge.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle,

That Clause 1 "of D. D. Grand Masters" of the Constitution be so amended as to allow *Immediate Past Masters* of Lodges to vote in the nomination of the D. D. G. Ms. for their respective Districts.

In amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. M. Crombie, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson,

That the word *Immediate* be struck out and the resolution as amended be adopted.

On a vote of Grand Lodge being taken the amendment was declared *lost*.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the resolution it was declared *lost*.

V. W. Bro. J. Bain, on behalf of the Masonic Asylum Trust, submitted the following

REPORT.

To the Board of General Purposes.

The Masonic Asylum Trust beg leave to submit the following Report:

The Trust regret to state that since the last Annual Report the munificent offer of the Niagara Lodge of a site, containing two acres of land, on which a three-story brick building had been erected, together with \$3,000 in cash, exclusive of \$40 subscribed by the Lodge, has been withdrawn, the building having been sold to other parties.

Communications were forwarded to the Secretary of Alma Lodge, Galt, making enquiries respecting the offer from that locality, but no answer has been received.

Every enquiry has also been made as to other offers, but no satisfactory information has been procured, all offers being practically withdrawn. The Trust therefore, have only to submit the above for the information of the M. W. the Grand Lodge, with the hope that the earnestly expressed desires of the members, at former Communications of the Grand Lodge, may be speedily and successfully carried out, and that the Grand Lodge of Canada may soon boast of an institution which will reflect credit on the Masonic Order in the Dominion, and exemplify to the outer world our cherished maxims of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

The Trust have to report the following addition to the Fund, which consists of interest on Dominion Stock, and the small balances on deposit in the Bank of Montreal.

STATEMENT.

Dr.—Balance last Annual Statement....	\$4,937 01
Interest on Dom. Stock to March 31 .	288 00
do on deposits.....	7 30
Total	<u>\$5,232 31</u>
Cr.—By Dominion Stock (cost \$4,836) ..	\$4,800 00
Balance in Bank	432 31
Total.....	<u>\$5,232 31</u>

As the Manager of the Bank of Montreal here refuses to allow interest for the future, the Trust have made arrangements to transfer the account to the Bank of Toronto, who will allow four per cent. interest on deposits.

The Trust regret that they have been deprived of the advice and assistance of one of its members, who is also solicitor, R. W. Bro. Harman, who recently sailed for Eng-

land on business connected with civic affairs ; on his return it is their intention to make arrangements for investing the balance in Bank.

KIVAS TULLY, Chairman.

JAMES BAIN.

A. DEGRASSI.

TORONTO, July 11th, 1870.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. James Bain, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Masonic Asylum Trust be received and adopted.

Letters were submitted from the Grand Lodge of Ireland refusing recognition to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and from the Yamaska Lodge, No. 130, Granby, P. Q., to the effect that it had, by an unanimous vote, returned in its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and also a lengthy report from our Representative, R. W. Bro. Wm. S. Fish, at the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet at 2.30 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 4.45 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren as scrutineers of the Ballot for Grand

Officers, and for members of the Board of General Purposes, viz.: R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, W. Bro. F. J. Menet, and W. Bro. E. R. Smith.

The Ballots having been distributed, the election was proceeded with, and the following Brethren were declared elected, viz.:

- M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Montreal, re-elected Grand Master.
 R. " " James Seymour, St. Catharines, " Deputy Grand Master.
 V. " " Thos. White, jr., Montreal, Grand Senior Warden.
 " " " Hy. Robertson, Collingwood, " Junior "
 R. " " Rev. V. Clementi, North Druro, Grand Chaplain.
 " " " Henry Groff, Simcoe, unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer.
 V. " " David McLellan, Toronto, Grand Registrar.
 R. " " Thos. Bird Harris, unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary.
 " John Sweetman, Ottawa, Grand Tyler.

By an open vote of Grand Lodge,

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	John E. Brooke,	Chatham	St. Clair	District.
" " "	G. Billington,	Strathroy,	London	"
" " "	Peter J. Brown,	Ingersoll,	Wilson	"
" " "	Isaac F. Toms,	Goderich,	Huron	"
" " "	Charles Hendry,	Conestogo,	Wellington	"
" " "	E. Mitchell,	Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
" " "	Isaac P. Willson,	Welland,	Niagara	"
" " "	J. K. Kerr,	Toronto,	Toronto	"
" " "	R. Kincaid,	Peterboro',	Ontario	"
" " "	E. H. Smith,	Conway P. O.,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	J. F. Chamberlain,	Morrisburgh,	St. Lawrence	"
" " "	E. C. Barber,	Ottawa,	Ottawa	"
" " "	M. Gutman,	Montreal,	Montreal	"
" " "	H. D. Pickel,	Sweetsburg,	Bedford	"
" " "	Alex. Walker,	Quebec,	Quebec	"

ELECTED MEMBERS OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bros. Charles D. Macdonell, Henry Macpherson, V. W. Bro. James Bain, M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and M. W. Bro. A. Bernard.

The President, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following Report

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to present the following report on the condition of Masonry :

The Board has examined the reports of the D. D. G. Ms. for the London, Huron, Wellington, Hamilton, Toronto, Ontario and Ottawa Districts.

It is gratifying to find that Masonry continues to flourish in all these Districts, and that the D. D. G. Ms. are becoming so thoroughly energetic in fulfilling the great duty of visiting and instructing the Lodges in their several Districts and that they report so favourably of the condition of the Lodges under their jurisdiction. A few years ago the general commencement of the report of a D.D.G.M. was that he had been unable to visit more than a few Lodges in his District. Now that very few Lodges have been left unvisited, that many have been visited more frequently, and that the greatest attention has been paid to those Lodges which were most remote from the leading places in the District, and consequently most in need of advice and instruction.

In the Toronto and Ontario Districts, Lodges of Instruction have been held, attended by large numbers of officers and members of the Lodges of their respective Districts, and the effect will unquestionably be seen in the more thorough and efficient working of the Lodges in these Districts.

In the London District the D. D. G. M. intended to have held a Lodge of Instruction, but after consultation with other Brethren of the District, determined to give his attention to the more remote Lodges, and those that were most in need of Instruction; one Lodge he spent no less than ten days in instructing, and he reports having visited 24 Lodges besides. It would be well if all the D. D. G. Ms. would see that the Lodges reported as unvisited in previous years, or

as not working correctly, were attended to, even if they were not able to visit so large a number of the Lodges as did the R. W. Bro. of this District.

A number of Dispensations have been granted for the formation of new Lodges in the different Districts, and are spoken of as working well by the D. D. G. M. of their Districts.

It is gratifying to find that "Goderich Union Lodge, No. 720, E. R.," has affiliated with the G. L. of C., and been registered as No. 33 on our Grand Registry, and also to learn from the D. D. G. M. that the greatest harmony and good feeling prevails between that Lodge and Maitland Lodge, No. 112, held also in Goderich.

It is also pleasing to see the good feeling existing in the Ottawa District between our Lodges and the Dalhousie Lodge, held under the G. R. of E., which was shown by their requesting the D. D. G. M. of the Ottawa District to install their W. M. and officers, which ceremony took place on St. John's day (24th June) last.

A number of Dispensations for Masonic festivals are reported to have been granted by different D. D. G. Ms., and all are said to have passed off pleasantly and harmoniously.

One Dispensation was asked for to hold a Ball. The D. D. G. M. refused to grant it, as not being within his power. On application to the proper authority, the M. W. G. M., the Board understands the request was granted.

A D. D. G. M. reports having deputed a V. W. Bro. to consecrate and constitute a new Lodge. According to the Constitution of Grand Lodge, although a D. D. G. M. may himself constitute a Lodge, the power to depute another Brother to do so is the prerogative of the M. W. the G. M. only.

The D. D. G. Ms. all report the harmonious working of

the Lodges in their respective Districts; that the complaints brought before them have not been numerous, have usually been of an unimportant nature and have in most instances been easily settled, and good feeling between the disputing Brethren restored.

A number of presentations have been made by different Lodges to Brethren as an acknowledgment of services rendered by them. Amongst the recipients may be mentioned R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, V. W. Bro. Pringle, of Hamilton, and W. Bro. Currier, of Ottawa.

Amongst the many valuable suggestions made by the District Deputy Grand Masters, one that means should be devised to have all the lectures of the degrees given and the symbolism of our Order thoroughly explained is of great importance. It would prevent much of the apathy found to exist amongst the older members of the Lodges, enable them better to understand their duties and render the meetings much more instructive and interesting.

The statistical abstract given by the District Deputy Grand Master of the Hamilton District is very valuable, enabling you to see at a glance the condition of every Lodge and the progress it has made during the year. It is again recommended as well worthy of imitation by the Lodges in the other Districts.

We have also great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt by the Grand Secretary of re-prints of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota from 1853 to 1869, the Grand Lodge of Colorado from 1861 to 1869, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire from 1842 to 1856, severally bound in cloth, and beg to tender those Grand Lodges the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge for so valuable documents; and we sincerely hope this Grand Lodge will shortly be in a position to return the compliment.

Again it is our melancholy duty to record in our obituary list the names of many valued and trusty Masons at rest.

Showing that the fell-destroyer, death, grants no favors to the rich or poor, the high or low. We sincerely hope our departed Brethren have attained the summit of human aspirations; may we also be prepared to meet them in the Grand Lodge above, where T. G. A. O. T. U. alone presides.

Prominent among those whose earthly labors are ended, the name of R. W. Bro. G. W. Whitehead will recall to the recollection of the elder members of the Craft, his urbanity of manners, and untiring energy and devotedness to Masonry. Also, that of W. Bro. Thos. Gundry, many years Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto, who, with a deep conviction that all his actions were under the inspection of the "all-seeing eye," always aimed "to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before his God." The Brethren of his Lodge, to evince their estimation of his worth, have erected a handsome monument to mark his earthly resting place.

Bro. Thomas Willing, Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge was struck down by apoplexy in the vigor of life and manhood.

Among those in humbler life, the name of Bro. Thomas Blaney, who had attained the extraordinary age of 100 years and 4 months, 42 years of which he spent in the service of his country, 21 years as a soldier in H. M. Life Guards and the same time in H. M. 83rd regiment of foot. He was also a Mason for more than seventy years; and we are happy to add that his declining years were soothed by the sympathetic hand of benevolence.

In regard to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Montreal, Bedford and Quebec Districts, the Board considering that the report on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master covers the whole ground of the difficulties in these Districts, and there being no circumstances of Masonic importance otherwise requiring notice, the Board refrain from again repeating their remarks on the address of the M. W. Grand Master.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
P. B. G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the Reports of the Board.

On Benevolence see pages 442, 443, 444 and 445.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Matheson, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

On the Grand Master's address (general topics) see pages 441 and 442.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thomas White, junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of Board on the Grand Masters address be adopted.

On Annual Report—Audit, Finance, &c., see pages 421, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and

RESOLVED, That the Annual Report of the Board on Audit, Finance, &c., &c., be adopted.

On Grievances and Appeals, see pages 445, 6, 7 and 8.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Matheson, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be adopted.

Semi-Annual Report—Audit and Finance, see pages 428 and 429.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, and

RESOLVED, That the Semi-Annual Report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

On Re-division of the Districts, see pages 449 and 450.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Re-division of the Masonic Districts be adopted.

R. W. Bro. Jas. K. Kerr, presented his Credentials as the accredited Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

R. W. Bro. Thos. Bird Harris, presented his Credentials and Warrants of appointment as the Representative of the Grand Lodges of the States of Missouri and Oregon.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson announced his appointment and produced his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Lodges of the States of Connecticut and Minnesota.

The Grand Lodge was pleased to accept and respectively welcome the Brethren in their representative character, who were individually saluted with Grand Honors. The compliment was suitably acknowledged by the Representatives on behalf of their various Grand Lodges. The Brethren took seats on the Dais.

In accordance with notice given at the last annual Communication,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Jas. M. Dunn, seconded by W. Bro. J. E. Harding

That Article 1 of the Constitution, relating to the Board of General Purposes, be so amended as to read as follows: That the Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, who shall be *ex-officio* President of the Board, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the two Grand Wardens and one member to be selected from among the actual Masters and Past Masters in each District. These members shall be elected by Ballot by the Representatives and Past Masters in attendance at each Annual Communication, immediately after the nomination of the D. D. G. Masters, and shall hold office until the close of the next Annual Communication after the election.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the foregoing resolution of amendment to the Constitution it was declared *lost*.

W. Bro. J. F. Chamberlain gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will propose alterations in the Book of Constitution, clauses 1 and 3, pages 36 and 37, relating to the Board of General Purposes, and to that end will move amendments to the various clauses providing for the selection and appointing of the said Board.

V. W. Bro. Thos. White, junr., on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report on the question of the restoration of Brethren by Grand Lodge.

RESTORATIONS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report :

That at its semi-annual meeting in February last, an important question was brought before the Board, having reference to the effect of a removal of suspension by Grand Lodge, in restoring the Brother suspended, in relation to the Lodge which suspended him.

It appears that W. Bro. Cascaden having been suspended by Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Grand Lodge on appeal removed the suspension; but the W. M. of the Lodge

refused him admission to the Lodge. Against this conduct he appealed to Grand Lodge, and upon consideration of the question, it was declared by the Board that removal of suspension by Grand Lodge, did not restore to membership in a private Lodge.

At the present meeting of the Board this decision was reconsidered, and reversed, and the Board now recommends that it be declared a ruling of Grand Lodge that removal of suspension restores the Brother to all his rights and privileges as a Mason, including membership in the Lodge suspending him.

In reference to the same subject, this ruling is recommended to apply to the case of V. W. Bro. Dettmers, and referred to this Board by the M. W. Grand Master.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
P. B. G. P.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thomas White, junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Restorations be received.

It was moved by W. Bro. W. S. Martin, seconded by V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, and

RESOLVED, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to appoint a Committee to obtain a suitable testimonial to be presented to M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint R. W. Bro. Thomas White, junr., and R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, the Committee on Testimonial to be presented to M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Thomas White, junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Isaac P. Willson, and

RESOLVED, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to take such steps as he may deem necessary, either by the appointment of a Committee to draft a statement setting forth the position of Grand Lodge,

or in any other way, to place the position of the Grand Lodge in relation to that portion of its Territory known as the Province of Quebec, before the Grand Lodges of the world.

V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move to amend clause 1 of the Constitution in relation to District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for the space of one hour.

FRIDAY, 15th July, 1870.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8 o'clock, p. m.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master, proceeded with the investiture of the newly-elected Grand Officers, as follows :

- R. W. Bro. James Seymour, St. Catharines, Deputy Grand Master.
- V. " " Thos. White, jr., Montreal, Grand Senior Warden.
- " " " Hy. Robertson, Collingwood, " Junior "
- R. " " Rev. V. Clementi, North Druro, Grand Chaplain.
- " " " Henry Groff, Simcoe, Grand Treasurer.
- W. " " David McLellan, Toronto, Grand Registrar.
- R. " " Thos. Bird Harris, Grand Secretary.
- " " John Sweetman, Ottawa, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke,	Chatham	St. Clair	District.
" " " G. Billington,	Strathroy,	London	"
" " " Peter J. Brown,	Ingersoll,	Wilson	"
" " " Isaac F. Toms,	Goderich,	Huron	"
" " " Charles Hendry,	Conestogo,	Wellington	"
" " " E. Mitchell,	Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
" " " Isaac P. Willson,	Welland,	Niagara	"
" " " J. K. Kerr,	Toronto,	Toronto	"
" " " R. Kincaid,	Peterboro',	Ontario	"
" " " E. H. Smith,	Conway P. O.,	Prince Edward	"
" " " J. F. Chamberlain,	Morrisburgh,	St. Lawrence	"
" " " E. C. Barber,	Ottawa,	Ottawa	"
" " " M. Gutman,	Montreal,	Montreal	"
" " " H. D. Pickel,	Sweetsburg,	Bedford	"
" " " Alex. Walker,	Quebec,	Quebec	"

The M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz.:

V. W. Bro. N. B. Falkiner, Belleville,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" " " Charles Storer, Montreal,	" Junior "
" " " John Kerr, Kingston,	" Supt. of Works.
" " " J. F. Dennistoun, Peterboro',	" Dir. of Cer.
" " " Richard Brierley, Hamilton,	Ass't " Secretary.
" " " J. S. Bartlett, Granby, P. Q.,	" " Dir. of Cer.
" " " Robert Robinson, Toronto,	" Sword Bearer.
" " " Wm. Nevin, Montreal,	" Organist.
" " " Frederick Mudge, Guelph,	Ass't " "
" " " John Urquhart, Montreal	" Pursuivant.
" " " J. B. Bickell, Brooklin,	} Grand Stewards
" " " George Hodgetts, Toronto,	
" " " Wm. McKenzie, Montreal,	
" " " Geo. H. Wilkinson, St. John, P. Q.,	
" " " John Nettleton, Collingwood,	
" " " Donald Sutherland, Peterboro',	
" " " Joseph Davy, Brighton,	
" " " John Boyd, Oshawa,	
" " " Robert Kemp, Grimsby,	
" " " W. C. Morrison, Toronto,	
" " " W. S. Martin, Paris,	
" " " C. S. Elliot, Orillia,	

ELECTED MEMBERS OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Scrutineers of the Ballot for members to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, reported the following named Brethren as having received the highest number of votes, and who were declared duly elected :

R. W. Bro,	Charles D. Macdonnell,	Peterboro',	St. John's Lodge,	No.	3
" " "	Henry Macpherson,	Owen Sound,	St. George's	" "	88
V. " "	James Bain,	Toronto,	St. Andrew's	" "	16
M. " "	W. B. Simpson,	Kingston,	Sussex	" "	5
R. " "	Otto Klotz,	Preston,	Alma	" "	72
M. " "	A. Bernard,	Montreal,	St. George's	" "	19

The M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to make the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz. :

M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, R. W. Bro. Æmilius Irving, R. W. Bro. James Milne; R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi, V. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, W. Bro. E. Racicot and W. Bro. John E. Harding.

W. Bro. R. Nancollas gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that all business in private Lodges in connection with this Grand Lodge be conducted in the third Degree.

R. W. Bro. J. F. Chamberlain gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that the expenses, or a certain amount of the expenses of D. D. G. Ms. be paid by this Grand Lodge.

Several communications from the Grand Orients of France and Mexico were submitted to Grand Lodge and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the Report of Board on Restorations.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Milne, and

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Board on Restorations by Grand Lodge be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, and unanimously

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby most cordially tendered to the Brethren of the City of Toronto for the ample and most satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of this Annual Communication, as also for the munificent Banquet extended to all the Grand Officers and Representatives of Lodges in attendance.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Milne, and

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Board of Scrutineers for the very satisfactory discharge of their important duties.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Milne, and

RESOLVED, That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the Committee on Credentials for the satisfactory manner in which they have fulfilled the very onerous duties devolving upon them.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Isaac P. Willson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Charles Hendry, and

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk, Great Western, Buffalo and Lake Huron, St. Lawrence and Ottawa, Northern, and Port Hope and Peterboro' Railways, and to the Richelieu, and the Canadian Inland Steam Navigation Companies for having reduced their fares to delegates attending this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Seymour, and

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Canada are due and the same are hereby tendered to the President and Directors of Mechanics' Institute for their kindness and courtesy in extending to the members of this Grand Lodge the use of the News Room and Library.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in **ample form**, at Low Twelve.

ATTEST.



W. B. Harris

G. Sec.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report that they have received from the Grand Secretary the proceedings of forty-six Grand Lodges, which they have examined with some care, and although much that is valuable and interesting is unavoidably crushed out in order to keep our report within prescribed limits, we trust that what follows will meet with the approbation of Grand Lodge.

The following is a list of the proceedings of Grand Lodges received by your Committee and the years to which they respectively refer :

1. Alabama	1869	24. Minnesota	1870
2. Arkansas	1869	25. Mississippi	1869
3. British Columbia	1869	26. "	1870
4. California	1869	27. Maryland	1869
5. Colorado	1868	28. Michigan	1870
6. "	1869	29. Nebraska	1868
7. Columbia	1869	30. "	1869
8. Delaware	1869	31. New Brunswick	1869
9. Florida	1869	32. Nevada	1869
10. "	1870	33. New Jersey	1869
11. Georgia	1869	34. North Carolina	1869
12. Idaho	1869	35. Nova Scotia	1869
13. Iowa	1869	36. Oregon	1869
14. Indiana	1869	37. Pennsylvania	1869
15. Kansas	1869	38. Rhode Island	1869
16. Louisiana	1869	39. South Carolina	1869
17. "	1870	40. Tennessee	1869
18. Montana	1868	42. Texas	1869
19. "	1869	42. Vermont	1869
20. Massachusetts	1869	43. Virginia	1869
21. Maine	1869	44. West Virginia	1869
22. "	1870	45. Wisconsin	1869
23. Minnesota	1869	46. Washingt'n Terr'y	1869

ALABAMA.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Alabama assembled in the city of Montgomery, Dec. 6th,

A. D. 1869, M. W. Bro. George Norris, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. D. Sayre, Grand Secretary. The opening part of the G. Master's address is a production of more than ordinary merit for its high tone of sentiment and sublimity of style. He notices in an appropriate manner the death of Bro. Samuel H. Dixon, P. S. G. W., and Bro. Thomas McDougal, for nearly 20 years Grand Tyler, and some others now or formerly intimately connected with Grand Lodge. He next alludes to a communication from Grand Lodge of Louisiana, protesting against the action of the Grand Orient of France for having ignored her territorial jurisdiction by recognizing an illegitimate body working the symbolic Degrees in New Orleans within that jurisdiction.

We see in the volumes before us that hundreds of pages are devoted to this subject, our limits will not allow us to reproduce them, and we decline making any remark on the merits of the case, the substance of which is contained in the above few lines. Nearly all the American Grand Lodges sympathise with that of Louisiana, and although a few—inspired perhaps by that charity which “still hopes the best”—have deferred action for the present, many have *Resolved* that all fraternal relations between them respectively and the Grand Orient of France shall cease until the latter retrace her steps.

The Grand Master also brings up the subject of Dimits, and holds it established by the ancient Landmarks, Codes and Regulations that a Mason can only Dimit for one of two reasons—leaving the jurisdiction or forming a new Lodge. On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom this was referred, it was

Resolved “That the subordinate Lodges shall hereafter grant no dimits, unless a member asking a dimit is about to remove without the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or for the purpose of forming a new Lodge, or joining another Lodge.”

The G. M. states that in one case where a member had

applied for a dimit because he had joined the Roman Catholic church, whose regulations forbid belonging to the Order, recommended that the Lodge remit his dues from year to year, but refuse the dimit. He had also decided that a non-affiliated Brother CANNOT be interred with Masonic ceremonies; neither one that has been suspended for non-payment of dues, even although his friends offer to pay his arrears.

We believe that Masonic societies must have rules for their guidance similar to those of other benevolent institutions, but there is this difference, that the by-laws of other societies contain the whole obligations of the contracting parties, and these parties alone are interested, while Masons—independent of their society rules—have a code of *unalterable* laws in which the *Masonic world* is interested, hence Masons have to be guarded lest the by-laws of any special Lodge should conflict with the fixed laws. We think the decision anent burials is a case in point as requiring that vigilance. We think the case of the Roman Catholic is rather unmasonic. It compels the man to continue a member of a society of which he conscientiously disapproves, although he was assured *in limine* that nothing would interfere with his religious opinions; and on the part of the Lodge it is putting a *fiction* in the room of TRUTH. The G. M. had given a great number of decisions, but they seem to contain nothing out of the “common run.” He gives a graphic account of his official acts; he has granted 17 Dispensations for new Lodges; had travelled months and hundreds of miles by all the modern modes of locomotion, in all kinds of weather and at all hours, working for the good of the Craft; had appointed representatives at many home and foreign Grand Lodges, and having been a member of Grand Lodge for nearly 30 years, he lays down the Gavel and bids them an affectionate farewell. Grand Lodge passed a resolution that a P. G. M's. Jewel be procured and presented to him as a mark of respect and esteem.

The Committee appointed to report on Canadian Jurisdiction repudiated the claims of the Grand Lodge of Quebec as

an invasion of Canada's Jurisdictional rights, and deeply sympathises with Canada in this—her hour of trouble.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was recognized. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported on 47 Grand Lodges—Canada included for 1868. The review proves itself the work of a masterly hand, and we congratulate the Lodges of Alabama on the fund of general information they will receive.

Subordinate Lodges, 360; members reported, 10,729. M.W. Bro. W. P. Chilton, elected Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. D. Sayre, re-elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas commenced its 31st Annual Communication at the city of Little Rock, 1st November, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. E. H. English, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. W. D. Blocher, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address, if it had no other recommendation—so far as the opening part of it is concerned—is not stereotyped. He says :

“If I did not know how strongly men are attached to Masonry, I should be surprised to see so many representatives of Lodges assembled here at this time, a time when *Dollar-making* is the prevailing passion of the American people. The *Dollar* is now *King*, nay more, the *Dollar* is the *Idol* of our country. Palaces and castles abounding in luxury fill the imaginations of men, and silks and diamonds and splendid equipages dazzle the visions of women; all to be reared and purchased with bushels of gold, and reams of greenbacks; acquired, not by toil, but by trade, moving under the pressure of steam, and speculation flying upon the wings of lightning. In this all-absorbing rush after the *DOLLAR*, religious and moral institutions are neglected; patriotism has become any empty sound; men seek public places merely to fill their pockets; and governments are converted into mere combinations to gather money from the multitudes and distribute it to favorites. How is it, therefore, that you

during the reign of the *Dollar* concluded to spend money in attending Grand Lodge? It is because you feel that there are Jewels of greater value, and more imperishable than gold and silver and greenbacks—you are laboring for the promotion of an institution which has lived to see the hoardings of misers scattered to the winds, the palaces of the rich crumble into dust and the wealth of empires perish. You are serving humanity and charity, and laying up treasures that will never waste."

He then gives an epitome of his official transactions during the year. Nineteen dispensations had been granted for new Lodges, and various excursions undertaken by land and water for the benefit of Grand Lodge. His paths had been interspersed with many coincidences, and amongst others, an Indian legend in Minnesota; we understand him to mean that he gained much by *secret signs*, &c., &c. It may be remembered, that in 1868 he got a resolution passed condemnatory of any one who used Masonic symbols—but "the case being altered, alters the case." He now says—

"By some the wearing of Masonic symbols is condemned, because now and then an unworthy Mason is seen parading them, but the logic that would persuade us to forego the wearing of the beautiful symbols of our Order because bad men desecrate them, would strip us of all ornaments, and, indeed, of all clothing. Bad men clothe themselves in the livery of heaven to serve the devil in; but the innocent lamb need not abandon his fleece because the sly wolf covers his deformity with a similar but stolen garb. Masonic symbols often serve as a means of introduction and lead **Masons** to be agreeable travelling companions, who might, without them, fail to recognize each other, and remain indifferent strangers."

He notices the departure from earthly scenes of Brother Nathaniel Smith, a P. G. M. of Grand Lodge, and Brother William Hicks, a P. G. W.

In common with others he denounces the action of the Grand Orient of France for her recognition of what he calls "the bastard body" in Louisiana.

Reference is made to St. John's College, and also to the

reports of the several D. D. G. Masters, whose reports as a whole are favorable.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of 37 Grand Lodges, Canada (for 1868) amongst others. The review is from the pen of Bro. O. C. Gray, his tender regard for the dignity of the Order is wounded by our allowing such frivolous matters as the attempt on the life of the Duke of Edinburgh and the murder of D'Arcy McGee to come within the precincts of Grand Lodge. He says—

“We have no objection to see Bro. Wilson *interested* in ‘public events,’ but we *do* object to the expression of that interest in a Masonic address; political conventions and ‘indignation meetings’ are the proper places for Grand Master Wilson to ‘*spread* himself’ and it is a great pity that failing perhaps to be *sufficiently indignant* at such gatherings he saw fit to bring his excessive loyalty into a Grand Lodge of Masons.”

After quoting (with a sneer) the remarks of the Committee on that part of the G. Master’s address, he says—

“We trust our Canadian Brethren and Grand Master Wilson, will take our remarks in this connection just as they are intended, that is “*to whisper good counsel in the ear.*”

Now, while we hope Bro. Gray will accept our thanks for his counsel to the full extent of his *good intentions* in giving it, we look upon it as the “counsel of Ahithophel” and pray that it “may be turned to foolishness;” we fondly hope the day will never dawn when Mason Lodges will throw loyalty among the “rubbish.” We assure our Bro. that whatever political partizanship may have been in his eye in making his remarks, there is nothing of the kind with us, and we farther assure him that the remarks of G. M. Wilson met with a hearty *so mote it be* by every Mason represented on the floor of Grand Lodge. In fact we did not suppose that there was any Lodge who would not feel *indignant* at assassination under *any circumstances*, and much more so, when these assassinations emanated from an organi-

zation of lawless ruffians and cut-throats. Be all this as it may, we are sorry to find that Bro. Gray has so far forgotten the "Golden Rule" as not to accord to us what he claims himself for his *pet scheme* of St. John's College, viz.: If *he does not approve let us alone.*

The chartered Lodges reported are 211; U. D. 27; members 8,187. Assets of the year \$4,713.91; disbursements the same.

M. W. Bro. W. D. Blocher, elected Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. L. E. Barber, elected Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of British Columbia commenced its second Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, at V. I., B. C., May 1st, A. D. 1869. Present: the R. W. Bro. I. W. Powell, M. D., Provincial Grand Master, and other Provincial Grand Officers, with the representatives of four Lodges.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and there is in the Colony besides, a District Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.

By a series of good and sound resolutions, passed at the above communication, it is designed to have an *Independent Grand Lodge of British Columbia*, uniting the brethren of both jurisdictions under one authority. The District Grand Lodge (of England) has not favored us with any report, but we gather from the report we have, that the two Lodges are in mutual friendship. From the little pamphlet before us, we can observe that as much *business tact* is displayed as in most of our Sister Lodges, with hundreds of subordinates. The proceedings convince us, that the Brethren of British Columbia are quite as competent to manage their own affairs.

We scarcely think our worthy Grandmothers will attempt to throw any obstacle in their way.* We wish them God SPEED, and rejoice to anticipate the day not far distant when we shall receive them as a Sister, crying "Hail, (British) Columbia."

R. W. Bro. J. W. Powell, M.D., Victoria, is Provincial Grand Master; and V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman, Victoria, Provincial Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Lodge of California commenced its Annual Communication at San Francisco, Oct. 12, A.D. 1869.

The Grand Master's address is a model for its brevity, while at the same time it is to the point: after recommending that their deliberations be conducted with harmony and toleration, he says:—

"We have no antagonism with any organization whose object is the promotion of good-will among men; we claim no right of dictation beyond that which pertains to morality; we recognize charity in whatever form it comes to ameliorate, the condition of mankind; we are governed by ethic rules, so perfectly adapted to the purpose to which they were formed, that they have remained unchanged for successive ages, faithful guides to all who observe them through this life, and giving assured hope of happiness in the life to come."

He refers to the general prosperity of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, and the friendly nature of their relations with Grand Bodies throughout the world. During the year, he had granted 12 Dispensations for new Lodges, and had, by deputy, dedicated 3 Masonic Halls, and laid the corner-stone of a Methodist Episcopal Church, and many other things of only local interest. He proposes the abolishing of dues for affiliation, believing that membership of a Lodge was a duty of every Mason, and wishing to throw no obstacle in their way—of this the committee approved and Grand Lodge sustained. The Grand Secretary presented his report, he says:—

"No surrender of charters has been made during the year; that the country* was being settled with agriculturalists instead of miners, as formerly, and would be more permanent than hitherto; that there are now in active existence within the jurisdiction 158 chartered Lodges, besides the 12 U. D., making in all 170; that the total receipts for the year had been \$20,096 50, and that no Lodge was \$1 in arrears. that the Masonic Board of relief had assets during the year \$8,558 26, and had expended \$6,479.25, the participants from which fund had been in all 109, hailing from all parts of the world, and amongst others three from Canada."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$7,428 16.

The oration by the Grand Orator would well repay perusal; should we begin to quote, we would only mar it, as it is a document that to be appreciated, must be read as a whole.

Grand Lodge took up the matter of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana against the Grand Orient of France, and finally passed the following resolution:—

Resolved, "That all Masonic intercourse between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France is hereby suspended, and that the Lodges AND MASONS of this jurisdiction are forbidden to recognize, or hold communication with any Brother who hails from, or acknowledges allegiance to the Grand Orient of France, so long as that body continues its unlawful and reprehensible invasion of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana."

We have elsewhere said that we offer no opinion on the merits of the case, as to who is right or who is wrong, we leave that matter for Grand Lodge to decide. If any Grand Lodge finds that in their political or corporate capacity, they cannot associate with some other Grand Lodge, we have no objections, but we hold that it is *ultra vires* of any Lodge, Grand or Subordinate, to interfere with our Masonic jurisdiction, which extends from the centre to the circumference of the Globe, or to tell us who we are to love and who to hate, as their caprice may dictate. There

may have been—and we know there were—good reasons why the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans in their political or corporate capacity, but *that* is quite different from shutting up the bowels of compassion, tying the hands and tightening the pocket-strings of the good Samaritan. If we get the *true sign*, there is a bond registered far away above the cloudy canopy, binding us to answer without waiting to enquire if it hails from France or Louisiana or California or from some region unknown. We repeat,—instruct and prohibit Lodges as you please, but keep out the words “AND MASONS.”

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 42 Grand Lodges—Canada (for 1868) among the number. The work is by Bro. Wm. H. Hill, extends to 80 pages small type, and reflects great credit on the author, notwithstanding his apologies.

On three different evenings during the session the work was exemplified in the three degrees.—Lodges 170, members 8,853.

Resolutions were passed, tendering thanks to M. W. Bro. Charles March, retiring Grand Master,—That a suitable testimonial be procured and presented to him at the next Annual Communication, and that he be requested to sit for his portrait.

The M. W. Bro. Leonidas E. Pratt was elected Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. Alexander G. Abell unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary.

COLORADO, 1868.

The eighth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Colorado met at Central City, 6th Oct., A. D. 1868. M. W. Bro. Henry M. Teller, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Edward C. Parmalee, Grand Secretary.

After an eloquent and beautiful oration by the grand orator, the Grand Master delivered his address, which, as well as

the report of the Grand Lecturer, refers to matters purely local.

The Grand Lodges of Idaho and New Brunswick were recognized.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence give a review from the pen of Bro. Frank Hall, of 38 Grand Lodges, without comment ; Canada for 1867 included.

The mileage allowance for members is $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents, and per diem \$2.

There are 14 chartered Lodges and 5 U. D.; members 717.

There is published along with the proceedings of Grand Lodge a copy of Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Regulations, and also By-Laws pertaining to subordinate Lodges. We think this is as it ought to be, because we believe that uniformity ought to exist in these things as well as in the *work*.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

COLORADO, 1869.

The ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Colorado commenced in Denver, 28th Sept., A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Henry M. Teller, Grand Master, delivered his address, giving a succinct report of his official acts during the year. He notices in appropriate terms the demise of P. G. M. Allyn Weston, who, at the time of his death, was a permanent member of Grand Lodge.

Amongst the resolutions passed at this Communication we observe the following :

“That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that whenever the admission of a visiting Brother is objected to by a member of a subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, the Master shall refuse to admit such visiting Brother.”

"That all subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction be instructed not to receive a petition for affiliation from any Brother holding membership outside of this jurisdiction, unless accompanied by a Dimit or Certificate of good standing from the Lodge of which the petitioner was last a member."

We think the certificate of good standing very proper, but we can see no necessity for the *dimit*; besides, the petitioner might be *black-balled*, and then he is thrown on the world an unaffiliated Mason in spite of himself. It is wise to "keep the old shoes until we see if the new fit."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report on 41 Grand Lodges. The review is by Bro. Hall Sayre, and is, in general, brief. Canada for 1868 is included.

There are 17 subordinate Lodges, and 768 members.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have in the Fifty-ninth Annual Report, (1869) the account of *nine* Grand Lodge Communications:—

1. Special at hall of Potomac Lodge, Jan'y 14, 1869, for the purpose of *instituting* "George C. Whiting Lodge."

2. Special at Union Town, D.C., March 8, 1869, "instituting" Anacostia Lodge.

3. Semi-Annual Communication at Washington, May 4, 1869.

4. Special at Washington, May 7, 1869, for the purpose of instituting Pentalpha Lodge.

5. Special at Washington, May 31, 1869, for making the necessary arrangements for the interment of M. W. Bro. W. B. Magruder, Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge.

6. *Resumed* Communication, for attending Funeral of above.

7. Special at Washington, Sept. 22, 1869, for the purpose of revising the Lecture of the Third Degree.

8. Resumed Communication Sept. 29, 1869, receiving Report of Committee on Revision of Third Degree.

9. Annual Communication, Washington, Nov. 2, 1869.

At all these Communications M. W. Bro. R. B. Donaldson presided ; and R. W. Bro. N. D. Larner, Grand Secretary.

The addresses of the Grand Master, although the subject matters of them are almost entirely local, breathe a spirit of that charity which

"Glows with social tenderness,
And feels for all mankind."

The review of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of P. G. M. Stansbury ; it embraces 29 Continental Grand Lodges—(Canada for 1868, included), and 13 European Grand Lodges. It is an elaborate work and would well repay perusal by any one wishing to be posted in general information, the review of the European Lodges is pre-eminently so, more full of historical facts than of passing events ; the matter extracted is the *pith* not the *sapwood* of the subject brought forward, and as a crowning characteristic, the work is not interspersed with *egotisms*, nor any *nose-poking propensities* on the the part of the writer, as if he were to be looked to as the *ne plus ultra* in saying what Lodges should do and what they should not, in fact we feel sorry that Bro. Stansbury does not sometimes express an opinion, because we believe if he did, it would be about right.

Hitherto they had 17 (now 23) Subordinate Lodges, and 2,407 members. One peculiarity of this Grand Lodge is, that the Grand Master has personally visited and executed *the work*, so that in every case the meetings of the Subordinate Lodges may be called Communications (practically) of Grand Lodge. As they are now increasing in number, he (the G. M.) begins to think that the institution of D. D. G. Masters will be necessary.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

DELAWARE.

The sixty-third Annual Communication of Grand Lodge commenced in the City of Wilmington, 28th June, A. D. 1869. M. W. Bro. Edwin I. Horner, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. P. Allmond, Grand Secretary.

The address of the G. M. is a business-like document. He first refers in a feeling manner to the demise of Bro. Wm. Graves, D. D. G. M. of Grand Lodge, followed by a succinct account of his official acts for the Masonic year just ended, consisting chiefly of decisions given in accordance with the By-laws, and in accordance with common sense when there was no By-law to guide.

The financial matters of G. Lodge seem complicated, we do not profess to understand them and we let them alone.

Amongst the proceedings of the session we find the following:

"Whereas a resolution passed at the session of this Grand Lodge, holden 1867, reading thus: *Resolved*, That Lodges under this jurisdiction are positively prohibited from initiating, passing, raising, or admitting to membership, or the right of visitation any negro, mulatto, or colored person of the United States, this prohibition shall be an obligation and so taught in the third degree; and whereas, this resolution is in contra-distinction to the Rules, Regulations, Edicts and Ancient Landmarks of Free and Accepted Masonry; and whereas, our obligations cover the whole ground of clandestinity, and do most positively and conclusively punish every member for a violation of any of them; and whereas we must acknowledge the universality of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry so that in every nation a Mason finds friends and in every climate a home: Therefore, resolved, that the foregoing resolution be declared null and void, and be treated the same as though it had never passed."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report that they have received the proceedings of 36 Grand Lodges—Canada included—but no reviews excepting some general remarks on

1st. Jurisdictional rights, on the misconduct of one jurisdiction conferring degrees on a party belonging (by residence) to another jurisdiction.

2nd. Lodges of one jurisdiction under affiliation seeking aid from another jurisdiction; Committee thinks should be regulated by Grand Lodge.

3rd. The case of G. Lodge of Louisiana with the Grand Orient of France, with the usual detail of circumstances and the usual resolution prohibiting fraternal intercourse.

There are in this jurisdiction 18 subordinate Lodges, and 930 members.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at date of Communication, \$392.23.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

FLORIDA, 1869.

The Grand Annual Communication commenced at Tallahassee, January, A.D. 1869, M. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Edward Bradford, Jr., as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is short, neat and business-like. He gives an account of his official proceedings, and also refers to some points of general interest. On the subject of Dimits, he is clearly of opinion that a mason's membership in the Lodge granting his Dimit should only cease when notified of his affiliation with some regular Lodge; he believes that this would soon abate all the existing trouble about non-affiliation. He does not believe in the practise of requiring masons to sign the By-Laws *as an act constituting membership*.

1. It engenders the idea that he is not a member until he signs these laws.

2. It tends to weaken the moral force of the injunctions which attach to his primitive masonic character.

3. It gives rise to a diversity of opinions as to when membership begins.

He observes that the By-Laws of some of the Lodges conflict with the regulations of Grand Lodge.

We heartily endorse the Grand Master's opinion as to Limits, under all circumstances; a certificate of good standing ought to satisfy any party to whom application is made for admission. There is much force in his reasons as to signing the By-Laws; thousands go into the order, who never after devote much study to its principles, and are apt to come to the conclusion that the By-Laws contain the whole of their duty, unless it were fully impressed on the mind that the moral and legal obligations are two distinct things. We think By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges should have the sanction of Grand Lodge, but whether or not, we hold that By-Laws conflicting with Grand Lodge orders, or Grand Lodge orders conflicting with the Landmarks are both unlawful, and, therefore, not binding.

Dispensations had been granted for three New Lodges.

From Reports of Masters, Wardens and Representatives, it appears that the Financial affairs of the Craft in Florida are in a very depressed condition.

Brother Dawkins presented a Report on Foreign Correspondence, which was ordered to be printed, and being voluminous, was to be printed by itself—we have not got it.

There are 50 Subordinate Lodges and 1,988 members.

M. W. Bro. Samuel B. Stephens was elected Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins, elected Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA, 1870.

The fortieth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge commenced in the City of Jackson, January 12, A. D. 1870.

R.W. Bro. S. Pasco, D. G. M., presiding, read a short address. He regrets the absence of the G. Master and apologises for his own unprepared state, that inasmuch as the G. M. had not been able to forward the record of his official acts, and he (the D. G. M.) did not know what designs the G. M. had drawn on his "Trestle Board" to guide the Craft during this period of labour; but although he had no new work prepared they were not to remain idle, there was old work unfinished, they had rough work that needs polish, stones that did not closely fit the square.. He then refers to the new Constitution adopted last year, that they had to report if any changes could be made in it for the benefit of the Craft, to attend to the revision of the past rulings of Grand Lodge, and to see if anything more could be done to establish a uniform code of By-laws for the particular Lodges and several other matters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present an interesting review—by Bro. Dawkins—of the proceedings of 39 Grand Lodges; Canada for 1868-9 comes in for a full share of notice.

The Committee to whom the matter of Quebec was referred, *Resolved*, "That this Grand Lodge will take no action with reference to that matter at the present Grand Communication."

At different sittings during the Session the work was exemplified in the three degrees.

The Committee on Accounts submitted that Grand Treasurer had received \$3,329.56; had paid \$1,540.56; leaving on hand \$1,789, and recommended that each member of Grand Lodge be paid \$3.50 per day and 5c. per mile. Lodges 50; members 1,988.

There is appended the code of Regulations adopted for the guidance of Lodges, many of which we would like to transcribe, were it not for the prohibitions of that old fellow—*space*—who continually stands at our elbow.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Pasco was elected Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins re-elected Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia met in Annual Communication in the City of Macon, Oct. 26th, A.L. 5869.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Lawrence, Grand Master delivered his address, which abounds in solemn reflection and sound advice. He impresses upon his audience that "Faith without works is dead"; that we have work to do for God, "that in His universal family we have ample field for work for Him, and with Him; to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to revive the drooping, to console the unfortunate and suffering, to shed light on the benighted ones of this world, is our duty and our privilege." "There is an apathy among the Craft much to be deplored; our trouble is, we make too many *members* of Lodges, and too few *Masons*." He complains that the use of the ballot is too much neglected, and that Lodges are too lax in their teachings; he says—

"To take a candidate and pass him hurriedly through the ceremonies of the degrees, with the bare recital of the Ritual Lectures, and too often with a modicum only of these, will serve to make a member of a Lodge, but can hardly be expected to make a Mason. You place in his hands a key of a lock of a most intricate contrivance, but do not teach him the use of the key, what marvel that he never opens the door? The *open sesame* has never been imparted to him: something more than this is required; you must enlighten him on the principles of Masonry, its great moral beauty and final saving object; you must clothe the body of Masonry with its garments of beauty; you must make it inviting to the eye and refreshing to the soul; this cannot be done by unaided human genius. Genius may array it in the most graceful, or the most gorgeous habiliments, but without the light from within their hues will remain leaden and dull. And *that* light must be caught from the source opened in our first great light itself, the rays of divinity must shine in, and out of it, and over it, or it will be darkness and not light."

The few extracts given above, will serve as a specimen of the whole, more than a page is devoted to the matter between the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge

of Louisiana, condemnatory of the action of the former, but in the same spirit of meekness that pervades the whole address—of 18 pages. General harmony seems to prevail within the jurisdiction.

The G. M. notices with fraternal feelings, the death, within the year, of their Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Master, Bro. George L. Barry, and their Venerable Brother Simri Rose, Grand Secretary for the long term of 24 years.

In the course of the year, the G. M. had delivered about 16 Lectures, at many places, on various subjects connected with the Craft; and also had made several visits; had granted two Dispensations for New Lodges, and numerous other Dispensations for Elections, &c.; had wrought the degrees, attended funerals, laid a corner stone; had given many decisions on points of law,—all of which shows him to be a hard working man. The disputed cases submitted to him, are chiefly the result of parties being unacquainted with their by-laws, and settled by a reference thereto. There is one decision worthy of notice, namely:—

“A Brother attaching himself to a church, which forbids his connection with Masonry, removes without the jurisdiction, and if in good standing, is entitled to a *Dimit*.”

We think this is far more sensible than the decision of another Grand Lodge, who agrees to remit the annual dues, but refuses the *Dimit*.

The Jurisdiction seems to be divided into four Districts. The D. D. G. Ms. of each make a report; R. W. Bro. D. N. Austin, of the First District, seems to think (as he ought) that in one part of the Jurisdiction, at least, the women are better Masons than the men. He says:—

“The future success and healthy advancement of the principles of our beloved Order was manifested in the beautiful decorations of the Hall, by the delicate hands of the fair daughters of Americans,—may the God of Masonry bless them.”

So mote it be, say we, and may each of them soon become one flesh with a (true) Mason.

By the reports of the four D. D. G. Masters, it seems they have faithfully discharged their duties, and done much good.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, review the proceedings of 40 Grand Lodges,—Canada included. The review is from the able hand and wise head of a well-known Brother in Masonic circles, Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear. The report is good, notwithstanding some crude opinions as to *maims*. In his review of California, on the question of physical qualifications, that Grand Lodge had decided that a candidate must be *hale* and *sound*, and so on. Brother Blackshear asks:—

“Is there any greater bar to the initiation of one who has ankylosis of one of the phalangeal articulations of the Ring Finger, than to one who is in the last stage of Consumption?”

We answer, No, we think the bar is about equal in both; ankylosis in a phalangeal articulation of any finger would be a great annoyance to an operative mason or any other artist; far better for him to have it amputated, out of his way. As to F. and A. Masons, Ankylosis of any of the phalangeal articulations of the *Recti Manus* would render his admission impossible. Just let Bro. Blackshear *scub* his thumb to a *splint* and try. As to a person in the last stage of Consumption, we think no Mason in his *sound mind* would present him for admission.

In Financial matters, the income and expenditure are about \$15,000. Lodges 268, members 16,469.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Lawrence, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary, were both re-elected.

IDAHO.

The second Annual Communication commenced in Idaho City, October 4th, A. D. 1869. M. W. Bro. George H. Coe, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. P. E. Edmondson, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master notices in his address that they had generally been recognized as a Grand Lodge, and that their future prosperity was in their own hands. He had granted two dispensations for new Lodges. The good feeling and harmony so prevailed in the jurisdiction that it had not been necessary to give any decisions except what were of a general character, and settled by reference to the By-laws. In visiting the different Lodges he regrets a difference in the *work*, scarcely two Lodges alike, recommends that a committee on *work* be chosen, and a Grand Lecturer appointed. He refers to the abuse of one of the ancient Landmarks, which he finds prevalent, namely, when a candidate is rejected, a desire to find who cast the Black Ball? A course much to be condemned. Some matters of encroachment on their jurisdiction is mentioned, and the address is closed by recommending due care in the adoption of a Constitution and By-laws.

The total receipts of the Grand Treasurer were \$1,189, which had been paid out less balance on hand, \$593.87.

Chartered Lodges six and one U. D.; members 279.

M. W. Bro. Jonas W. Brown, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. P. E. Edmondson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The twenty-sixth Annual Grand Communication commenced in the City of Davenport, June 1st, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Reuben Mickel, Grand Master, delivered his address, which—without disparagement to others—we consider it possesses more than ordinary merit, full of sound words and good counsel. The following is a short specimen,

“Masonry, to be other than a shame and reproach, must be a living, vital principle, pervading our character, and influencing our daily lives in all our intercourse with each other and with the world. It is so far interwoven with religion, and partakes so much of its character, that to profess its sublime principles, and at the same time to live in

practical disregard and contempt of them, can only be followed by a starvation of our better natures—a sinking into a dismal depth of practical infidelity and self-contempt. As it has been said that no man can serve two opposing masters, yielding to them both an equal obedience, and an equally faithful service, so no man can take upon himself the vows of a mason and afterward yield himself the willing servant to falsehood, vice and treachery, either in act or word, without bringing down upon his own head the bitter fruits of his own duplicity. I would therefore urge upon you, my brethren, ‘in the most friendly manner,’ the necessity of so living that you can feel at all times that you are in heart and soul ‘worthy masons,’ remembering that no man can be a FREE-mason who is the bondman of vice or immorality.”

Coming to the business part, he has granted 23 dispensations for new Lodges, and had refused a number of others where he did not consider them necessary. He had visited a number of the Lodges, although not so many as he could have wished; believes that, with two or three exceptions, the Lodges are not only prosperous in the highest degree and increasing in numbers from the best material, but are working harmoniously in building up the walls of our glorious Temple, dedicated to the glory of God and the good of man; he mentions a great amount of business done that is only of local interest; he reports some of his decisions, while he had given, besides, many others which he does not think worthy of notice; those reported are in the form of Question and Answer, and lengthy, but we give the substance of a few of them:

The W. M., even with a majority vote of the Lodge, cannot remove the Lodge from one village to another without authority from the G. M.

The W. Master can in case of serious insubordination declare his Lodge closed for the remainder of his term of office, but not to gratify whim or caprice.

An applicant for affiliation depositing his dimit, is entitled to have it restored if rejected.

The W. M. can take the charter to another place and open his Lodge for a funeral; to hold otherwise, would be to deprive members of Masonic burial, when at a distance from the Lodge.

The Wardens cannot call a meeting of the Lodge unless the W. M. is either sick or out of the jurisdiction.

A chartered Lodge can try a brother for unmasonic conduct while the Lodge was under dispensation.

A Brother charged with crime, and to be tried, cannot change the venue. If he is aggrieved, he can only appeal to Grand Lodge.

When the vote of a Lodge grants a dimit, they cannot re-consider their vote, although the document may not have been issued. So far as they are concerned, the document is only the evidence of the vote.

The Committee on Jurisprudence (contrary to the decision of the G. M.) find that although charges are preferred against a brother, and he is found guilty, they have no right to retain his dimit.

There are 261 Lodges enrolled, and one under dispensation. and 11,463 members.

Grand Treasurer's assets, \$14,141.81. Paid out, \$9,141.27. On hand, \$5,000.54.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 37 Grand Lodges—Canada for 1868 amongst others.

M. W. Bro. John Scott was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, assembled in the City of Indianapolis, 25th May, A. D. 1869.

After preliminary business, M. W. Bro. Martin H. Rice, Grand Master, delivered his annual address. Having briefly set forth the duties devolving upon them as a Grand Lodge, he refers at length to the death of R. W. Brother Andrew J. Holmes, J. G. W., and M. W. Bro. Philip Mason, Past Grand Master, after which he proceeds to give a statement of his official acts during the recess; he acknow-

ledges receipt of printed proceedings of 36 Grand Lodges, which he names, (Canada not amongst them), which he had examined as carefully as his time would permit, and finds as a whole, that they present Masonry throughout the world to be in a healthy condition; that the several Lodges to whom charters were granted at last communication were all duly instituted, and the officers installed either by himself, personally, or by deputy; that he had granted Dispensations for 21 New Lodges, which, with five U. D. continued and five granted at last communication, made, in all, 31 now working U. D.; had also granted many Dispensations for electing officers, and so on, and had received charges and communications innumerable of unmasonic conduct, violations of By-laws and the like. One Lodge had its charter withdrawn for admitting a member with only one leg. One of the many communications was from the G. M. of New York, in regard to the action of Webb Lodge, in refusing to pay the funeral expenses of one of its members, who died in the jurisdiction of, and was buried by Lockport Lodge, New York. The Committee to whom this case was referred, gave the following verdict:—

1. That the rights and benefits of Masonry attach to all Master Masons in good standing, wherever they travel or go, regardless of the country or clime from whence they come.

2. That among these inalienable rights, is that of the honor of Masonic burial, which he has the privilege of choosing while alive, or his next friend for him when dead.

3. That this claim is not made upon a special Lodge, but upon Master Masons.

4. That should he be destitute or sick when stricken down, all the expenses connected with his sickness and funeral, should be borne by the Master Masons individually, or the Lodge having jurisdiction in the premises, and that it is not in accordance with Masonic law or precedent to ask the Lodge of his affiliation to pay the expenses; all which Grand Lodge sustained.

The Grand Lodge held its Fifty-third Grand Annual Communication at the City of Indianapolis, 26th May, A. D. 1870, the proceedings of which we have not been favored with, but they send us a small pamphlet, containing the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, given in to the Grand Communication last mentioned, on the dispute between Louisiana and France. The narrative is long, and concludes by showing that the Body recognized by France, is clandestine, and drives them to the conclusion of *Resolving* that all intercourse between the two Grand Lodges must cease; and with the addition, to the effect that no Indiana Mason is to hold Masonic intercourse with any other Mason owing allegiance to the Grand Orient of France.

We simply refer to our remarks under the caption of *California*, and here hold them as repeated.

The Chartered Lodges in this Jurisdiction are 381, besides 31 working U. D. Total membership 21,205.

The assets for the year are \$19,816.14, disbursements \$20,749.43, making a balance on the wrong side of \$933.29.

M. W. Bro. Martin H. Rice, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary, were both re-elected.

KANSAS.

The fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas convened at Leavenworth, October 20th, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Jno. H. Brown, G. Master, delivered his annual address. He is happy to say that, with rare exceptions, peace and harmony prevail in the jurisdiction.

Dispensations for twelve new Lodges had been granted during the year.

He strongly recommends that in authorizing new Lodges, Grand Lodge ought to see that the applicants have a proper place for a Lodge Room; he had visited a number of Lodges,

and done many other things of a local character. Great good is believed to have resulted from Masonic Schools of Instruction, as appears from the Reports of the Custodians. But while engaged persistently pushing forward the work of the Rituals, we must not ignore, or deem of secondary importance, the great principles which are the primary foundations of Freemasonry.

On the 24th of June he (the G. M.) had been present at the dedication of a new Hall for Washington Lodge, in the City of Atchison, and on the 17th of June he had granted a dispensation to dedicate another at Fort Scott. He is glad to say that there are a number of good Halls in the State, but yet had found rooms occupied wholly unfit for Masonic purposes, if not positively dangerous. He draws attention to the vexing question of multiplication of Lodges, and gives it as his own opinion that no new Lodge should be organized at less than seven miles from one existing, except in towns and cities where the population exceeds 3,500.

Reference is made to the case of Louisiana vs. France, and great care recommended in coming to a conclusion.

Allusion is made to certain parties whose attention Masonry had attracted during the past year, and who had severely denounced it. But he says such need not disturb their equanimity—that ever since the foundation of our glorious institution, in every decade, some one has attempted to blacken our fair fame. Our order has stood the shock of forty centuries, and yet, though rudely buffeted, is stronger than ever. Masonry has lived to verify the prediction of its founders—"That it will live while man endures, and die only when he ceases to behold the sun." Then follows many valuable admonitions "to progress in the right path, to beware of the enemies—not *without*, but *within*, to rule and control our passions, and to guard our portals."

We have endeavored thus briefly to notice a few of the leading topics in this excellent address, which we thought of general interest, but to give any adequate idea of the beauty

of language or the sublimity of sentiment it contains, we would require to transcribe it in full, which our space will not permit. Coming to physical qualifications, he says:—

“According to the ancient constitution, and the constitution of our Grand Lodge, a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry must be *without blemish, and have the full and perfect use of his limbs*. From the Holy Law we learn that the qualifications of one for the services in the Holy Temple were written as follows: ‘For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach; a blind man or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose or anything superfluous, or a man that is broken-footed or broken-handed, or crook-backed, or a dwarf, or he that hath a blemish in his eye.’ A candidate for the mysteries of Masonry who has but one eye is undoubtedly physically disqualified, and should not be permitted to enter into our Order. This rule does not apply to those applying for affiliations.”

On referring to the 21st Chapter of Leviticus, from which the above is quoted, we find it requires further qualifications, viz.: not to have scurvy, or scab, or bald-head, or the corners of the beard cut.”

If the Levitical Law is to be taken for one part, it must be taken in full, but the standard is rather high. “Hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered,” is all that need be required—a profane has neither the right nor the power to force admission, and we believe that every Lodge has absolute power to make her qualifications as high as she chooses, but we deny that any Lodge has the right to bring them below the landmark—admitting a candidate incapable of *doing* the required work, is a gross inconsistency. A man with bodily defects or ailments, which clearly shows would render him impotent or sickly, or bring premature death, such a one would not only be a “useless member,” but a pauper on the Fraternity, and it is much to be feared that many of the “halt and lame” *knock at the door* from the selfish motive of pecuniary advantage to themselves or families, which motive is, in itself, a proper ground for rejection, if it can be known.

The committee on Foreign correspondence review the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, Canada for 1868 included.

The work is from the pen of R. W. Bro. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary. The review is neat and to the point.

Louisiana vs. France comes in for a large share of notice.

There are in the jurisdiction eighty lodges and four under dispensation. Members, 3,122.

Grand Treasurer's assets for the year, \$2,564.36. Balance on hand, \$546,76.

A copy of constitution and by-laws is appended, of which course we approve, as we have elsewhere mentioned, it being a means for introducing uniformity.

M. W. Bro. John H. Brown, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

LOUISIANA, 1869.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana commenced in the City of New Orleans, Feb. 8, A.D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Henry M. Swasey, Grand Master, delivered his address. He congratulates the assembled brethren upon the increase and prosperity of the several Lodges within the State.

"The dark clouds which have for so long a time obscured our pathway, are fast passing away, it is hoped never to return. The evidences are many and flattering, of the renewed energy and good will with which the brethren are laboring to select the *perfect ashlers*, with which to continue the building of the Masonic edifice. With few and trivial exceptions, peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders, and as a general thing, much more care has been bestowed on the investigation of applicants, and a much larger number of rejections than ever before, and as it is not in *numbers* that the strength of Masonry consists, let us

continue to exclude all those who cannot aid by their position and character in strengthening the Temple."

He then notices three who had been "gathered to their fathers," during the year, Past Deputy Grand Master, G. W. Catlett, Past Senior Grand Warden, Willis P. Coleman, and Past Junior Grand Warden, Henry Regenburg. In accordance with resolution of last year, he had re-districted the State, and the D. D. G. Masters had represented (with very few exceptions) that Masonry was in a flourishing condition in their several Districts. He had granted eight Dispensations for New Lodges, and two to replace Charters which had been lost; he narrates personal visits to Subordinate Lodges, consecrating a cemetery, and laying of corner-stones; also to correspondence opened with Grand Bodies in Germany and Prussia; he refers (as his painful duty) to the matter of the Grand Orient of France, in recognizing a clandestine body, within their Jurisdiction. The Committee to whom this part of the address was referred, gives a minute history of the case, too long for insertion here, and more suitable for a pamphlet by itself.

After adverting to many questions which had been asked and answered, and a more extensive correspondence, all on local matters, he adds in conclusion:—

"Let us invoke harmony in all our deliberations, conciliation and kindness in expressing our differences, and extend to each other that brotherly love, which is the crowning glory of our ancient fraternity. LET BROTHERLY LOVE FLOURISH."

The Grand Lodge cordially extends the right hand of fellowship to the Grand Lodges of Montana, New Brunswick and Idaho.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of 39 American Lodges, (Canada for 1868 amongst the number), and 11 European Lodges. These reviews are long, (138 pages small type), but well and fraternally written, signed by J. B. Scott, J. P. Hornor and A. Goldmann.

There are 123 Lodges in the Jurisdiction and 6,099 members.

The Grand Treasurer's assets, including a balance from last year of \$1,634.50, \$29,541.18. Disbursements \$25,925.29 on hand \$3,615.89, and the Auditing Committee find moneys due, from all sources, value of property and above balance \$260,142.43, and total Liabilities \$79,119.86, leaving balance of assets over liabilities \$181,022.27.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Manning Todd was elected Grand Master ; and R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, M.D., re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1870.

The fifty-eighth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge commenced at the City of New Orleans, February 14, A. D. 1870.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Manning Todd, Grand Master, delivered his annual address, commencing with the usual fraternal greetings, and reminding his audience of their duty in perpetuating those great and glorious principles which admonish us to have "Faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind." He remarks, that with a very few exceptions, the Order is in a healthy and prosperous condition in the State, which he attributes chiefly to the great discrimination which is being exercised in the admission of new members. He notices the death of six worthy brethren who in "their day and generation" had been ornaments to the Craft ; also, the death of Bro. Stephen S. Selleck, who had died in the City *that day* (the third day of the session), and who had been a Mason fifty-five years, the funeral to take place next day, when members of the Grand Lodge were invited to attend. He had appointed several representatives to foreign Grand Lodges—this Grand Lodge approving of sending to, and receiving from, every Grand Lodge, representatives. Prominent notice is given to the recognition of the clandestine body in the State by

the Grand Orient of France. The same paragraph recognizes the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and alludes to the Quebec dispute, and to the credit of the Grand Master, be it said, his remarks on all these are the breathings of true benevolence and charity. He had granted dispensations for six new Lodges, and also to several subordinate Lodges to have public processions for laying corner-stones, etc.

Applications innumerable had been made regarding questions of Masonic Law, but the greater number have arisen from ignorance, or a misunderstanding of by-laws, and therefore not of general interest. We notice a few that does not come within this category. One is—to express it in few words—have Lodges the right of using their own funds as they please? or, are the funds paid *in*, the private property of the Lodges receiving them? The Grand Master says:—

“I contend that all moneys paid by the recipient of Masonic degrees, are paid to and received by the Lodges in trust, and as a sacred deposit to be applied only in support of those principles upon which our institution is based, and in carrying out the great objects of its existence.

“And that the Lodges have no right, either in fact or on principle, to appropriate or make use of the smallest portion for their own purposes, or to expend one particle for any other object.”

“That the funds derived from the conferring of Masonic degrees should only be expended in purposes of charity; that it should be a fund sacred to that purpose; that if not used in relieving the immediate wants of our brethren in distress, it should be allowed to accumulate so as to be used ultimately in the founding of asylums, hospitals, schools, etc.; so, how very improper it is that the funds of a Lodge, so derived, should be used for costly entertainments, or for any other purpose not strictly Masonic.”

We contend for the right to subordinate Lodges to do what they please, and rather agree with the Committee on Jusisprudence, from whom we quote as follows:—

“We must differ from the remarks of the Grand Master

as to the possible disposition of these funds belonging to the Fraternity. We do not believe in the policy of accumulating large funds, or as a general thing, in making endowments for the future. Each generation is, or should be, sufficient for its own necessities; at least, the next generation of men or Masons are, or ought to be better able to take care of its own widows and orphans, than this is to take care even of its own. We can much better administer our own charity than those who come after us. Distributed now, we can know that it is doing its good work, and can see to it, that there is no diversion or squandering. Many would, by a little timely assistance now, be enabled to prosper in the future, and do away with the necessity of making provision for their children. The funds which we could now judiciously distribute, would have an increase of a hundred fold in the happy homes and hearts of the recipients, over any investment that could be made in stocks or bonds, or mortgage. It is as mistaken a notion among Masons as it is among the people, that it is for the advantage of our children to heap up riches for them to squander after we are gone. Imbued with proper principles and with the additional advantages which the next generation may have over this one, there is no reason why our children should not make their living and accumulate property, as well as ourselves. Let us be our own executors, distribute our own charity, and those who come after us can accumulate and distribute their own. There is present need for all we can do.

Held that a Mason has not the inherent right of visiting, and may be refused admission by the W. M. or any of the brethren.

The striking off members from the roll of Lodges for non-payment of dues had been frequently brought to his notice: his opposition to this he had given ten years ago, and had seen no reason to change. This point turns on the question whether a brother is *able* to pay!! The by-law was never intended to enable Lodges to throw out their poor and needy, but to enable them to purge their rolls of those who could and would not pay. We quote from the above-named Committee's remarks as follows:

"The practice of striking off the roll the names of members in arrears for dues, is only an attempt to remedy an evil by the use of partial and extraneous means. The disease

lies deeper. It is in the departure from the old custom of having no dues, and in making our institution a sort of health or life insurance company. As just before stated on another question, the great principle of our order is Charity and Universal Benevolence. There is nothing of this, in the system of paying dues, as being that which alone will entitle one to receive a benefit. This practice of requiring the payment of dues, in order to entitle one to benefits instead of inculcating in the heart the virtue of charity, tends to destroy it altogether. The old rule was (and is so still in Rhode Island), once a Mason, always a Mason—although for unmasonic conduct he may be an expelled one. The teachings inculcated at our initiation are there kept alive in practice. Whenever you see any one in a like penniless condition, and more especially a brother, be ready to assist him to the extent of your ability; not send him to the Lodge, unless his needs are greater than your means, saying to yourself, if not aloud, "I have paid my dues; the Treasurer has the funds." We know there was charged in former times what was called a quarterage, but it was a charge made and collected on the spot, to pay for the refreshments given on the occasion. If work was to be done, the necessary expenses of the Communication was paid out of the fees—the remainder went for Charity. If more was collected from the quarterage at the quarterly festivals than was necessary to pay the expenses of the feast, it was distributed to those in immediate want. When we return to the good old customs of our fathers, make a Mason for all time or during good behaviour to be a member of the whole fraternity when made, and of the particular Lodge which made him till he shall join another, free from those exactions called dues, but in every case of necessity subject to a call so far as the necessities of the Brother may require and his means permit, then and then only shall we be rid of the cancer preying upon the vitals of the order, and unaffiliated Masons, would be saved from the troublesome question of trying to be rid of the evils resulting from the non payment of dues. The evil is in the system, and all the cauterization and use of the knife that is possible will never free the body from the evils of what is now, with us at least, a constitutional disease.

The practice of striking from the roll the names of members in arrears for non-payment of dues, your Committee do not consider Masonic. If a Brother voluntarily connects himself with a Lodge which has a By-Law providing for the payment of dues, he is a party to that obligation, and to omit or refuse to pay his dues, if able to do so, would be a

wrong to his Lodge and to his Brethren associated with him in it, and such a violation of Masonic engagement and duty would be a fair subject for Masonic discipline. We hold that a Brother cannot be deprived of any of his Masonic privileges without due trial, and after conviction of a violation of Masonic engagement; and that if any punishment is to be inflicted for non-payment of dues, it should be regular Masonic punishment, such as reprimand, deprivation or indefinite suspension, or expulsion. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the striking out of that portion of the Grand Lodge By-Laws providing for dropping from the roll the names of those who do not pay their dues."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 44 American Grand Lodges, and 15 foreign Grand Bodies—Canada for 1869 amongst the number. The review is long, (144 pages) minute and interesting.

Assets, including \$3,615.89 balance on hand, \$102,838.59; disbursements, \$103,473.35; balance due Treasurer, \$634.76. Chartered Lodges, 137; members, over 7,000.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Manning Todd, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

MONTANA, 1868.

The fourth Communication of Grand Lodge of Montana commenced at Virginia City, October 5th, A. D. 1868.

M. W. Bro. Leander W. Frary, Grand Master, delivered his annual address. He rejoices that through the year death has not thinned their ranks, nor visited their households. The Craft has been prosperous, and a great many other things showing their progressive course. The improvement in Lodge rooms and paraphernalias are in the same course of progression. On St. John's day he had opened a special Communication for the dedication of the Masonic Temple in this City. He had only granted one dispensation for a new Lodge during the year. Then follows a great number of *doings*, which are only of local interest.

In the proceedings of Grand Lodge, we have the report of

a Committee who had been appointed to define the extent of *mains* which should exclude applicants. The Committee seem to have given the matter full consideration, but have been unable to give any definite decision, but refer Lodges to the Ancient Rules.

There is appended what purports to be a review of Grand Lodges, but it is so jumbled that we are quite sure there is some mistake about it, and we therefore let it alone. Following this there is an article levelled at those who think such reviews unnecessary, even innovations. The style of the article is somewhat sarcastic, but it advances many valuable truths—perhaps the *sarcasm* is justifiable when the little narrow minds of the objectors are taken into account.

The Treasurer has received \$1,425; paid out less \$195. They give their Lodges in detail but no tabular statement.

M. W. Bro. W. F. Sanders was elected Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Sol. Star, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1869.

The fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana commenced in the City of Helena, October 4th, A.D. 1869.

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wilbur F. Sanders, refers chiefly to local matters. There is one thing in the address which is worthy of *public* notice, it appears he had been during the year troubled, if not molested, by *individual masons*, sending him questions on Masonic Law and usage, we are happy to find that our M. W. Brother declined answering any such. We can scarcely suppose anything more contemptable than an individual member passing by the W. M. of his own Lodge and asking information from the G. M. Answers in such cases would be a work of supererogation, and we hope will never be countenanced.

It was resolved that a suitable *Honorarium* be presented to

M. W. Bro. Sanders, as a token of regard for his character, and appreciation of his services to the Craft in Montana. The Grand Lecturer, in his report, recommends that the Masters of the several Lodges in the jurisdiction open schools of instruction, and also the reading of Masonic Law in the Lodges.

A neat and fraternal review of thirty Grand Lodges is given by Bro. Cornelius Hedges, Canada for 1868 is included, and treated with the greatest respect.

We have the report of 13 subordinate Lodges, they have not summed up their columns and we *wave* the task.

They append a Copy of Constitution and By-Laws, we wish all Grand Lodges would do the same, it would be a step in the right direction toward coming to uniformity.

The Grand Treasurer has received \$1,157 00 and paid it all out except \$93 00 on hand.

M. W. Bro. N. P. Langford, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Solomon Star, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We are favored with reports from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of three Quarterly Communications and the Annual Communication of 8th December, A. D. 1869. All held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, and all well attended by Grand Officers and representatives. M. W. Bro. William Sewall Gardner, Grand Master, and R. W. Solon Thornton, Recording Grand Secretary.

There is also reported a "stated communication" held on the 28th December, 1869. Besides embarrassment with the debt of the Masonic Temple, the Charity Fund, Sinking Fund and other matters have got mixed up and confused, and is causing much trouble to get rectified. The Grand Master in one of his addresses says that notwithstanding the vast amount of money expended on the Temple, the Board of Directors have never furnished to Grand Lodge a

detailed statement. Instead of a tax of \$1 00 *per Capitem* on the members for about ten years to come, it was agreed to *commute* for an immediate payment of \$8 00, afterwards reduced to \$7 00 if committed before the 1st of July, 1870, the commutation was not going on very successfully in some districts, but pretty fair in others. Anent the grievance of G. L. of Louisiana vs. the G. Orient of France, the committee thereon give an elaborate report of over ten pages, worthy of perusal by those who desire to be fully posted with the history of the case, in their conclusion they do not in the meantime recommend the discontinuance of intercourse with the Grand Orient, perceiving that *that* body may have been misled in some important particulars, and cherishing the hope that she will reconsider and alter the course she has adopted. Receipt is acknowledged of communications from the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodge of Canada and Quebec, all referred to a select committee but not reported on at the time of closing the proceedings.

The Jurisdiction is divided into sixteen districts, 170 chartered Lodges and eleven U.D. Total membership 19,581, Initiates for the year ending 1st September, 1869, 1,804. Each D.D.G.M. brings in a favorable, in most cases a flattering, report of the state of the Lodges in his district; with two or three exceptions, concord and harmony and a lively interest in Masonry prevails. Three Grand Lecturers also give a favorable report of the state of the *work*.

The assets of Grand Treasurer for the year, (including a balance from last year of \$3,517 94) \$220,118 12, Disbursements \$218,947 48, leaving balance \$1,947 48; liabilities of Grand Lodge \$363,500 00 less the balance on hand.

M. W. Bro. William Sewall Gardner, was unanimously re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Solon Thornton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

At the stated communication of 28th December, the Grand Officers elected and appointed, were installed in due

form, and the M. W. Grand Master delivered his inaugural address. The Rule in this G. Lodge is, that the D. G. M. is an *appointed* officer.

Along with this volume we have a separate pamphlet of 38 pages, by Grand Master Bro. Gardner, giving an interesting historical account of Masonry in Massachusetts, but which we cannot copy in full and short extracts would make our readers no wiser; and it is not of vital importance to us *when* Masons began to work or our symbolism began in Massachusetts. We go for the beginning of ours away back to the time

“When Adam ruled the world by an order from the Grand,
And with his beauteous spouse traversed o’er Eden’s happy land,
To form a bower he spent an hour to shield them frae the weathers evil,
And his worship planned it out wi’ his square, gauge, plumb and level.”

MAINE, 1869.

The Grand Lodge of Maine assembled at Portland, May 4th, A. D., 1869. M. W. Bro. Timothy J. Murray delivered his address, in which he alludes in feeling terms to the demise of two worthies, Bros. Fessenden and True, both P. G. Ms. of Grand Lodge, both of whom had been interred with Masonic ceremonies. The account of his official acts is prefaced by the usual stereotyped apologies—ill health, press of business, unforeseen circumstances, &c.,—the things he had done are of the usual kind; he is much pleased with the improvement of Masonic Halls, but says Bangor had eclipsed all others, and that \$15,000 had been contributed towards it. (We hope the provision for the sick, the maimed, the widow and the orphan has been equally liberal.) The G. M. says the increase of Lodges has been the same as last year, and then refers to a number of local matters. His last recommendation is one, the novelty of which startles us, he proposes that the office of D. D. G. M. (over the 19 Districts into which the State is divided) be annihilated, and that the Grand Master be paid a salary and perform the duties personally, urging, as a reason, that the Constitution does not give power to D. D. G. Ms. to enforce

their orders. This matter has been referred to a Committee to report at next Annual Communication.

We have numerous and grave objections to the scheme, but need not mention them, as we doubt not but the Committee will have objections too.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review at length (about 80 pages) the proceedings of 44 Grand Bodies—some for 1867 but mostly for 1868—Canada for the last mentioned year amongst the number. The work is from the pen of Bro. Josiah H. Drummond; we deeply sympathise with him under the trying circumstances in which it was prepared, “the most exacting of professions”, during the day compelled him to do the work during the night, and deprived Mrs. Drummond of “the time that belonged to her,” to such an extent as wrung from him the soliloquy of Burns—

“ Ah ! gentle dames it gars me greet,
To think how many counsels sweet,
How many lengthened sage advices
The husband frae the wife despises.”

Well, what costs much should be highly appreciated, the work is well done, and we congratulate the subordinate Lodges of Maine on having such a fund of valuable information brought within their reach.

Chartered Lodges, 146; U. D. 4; membership, 14,121. Assets \$6,297.01; paid \$5,538.22; on hand, \$758.79.

M. W. Bro. John H. Lynde, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1870.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, assembled at Portland, 3rd May, A.D. 1870.

M. W. Bro. John Lynde, G. Master, delivered his address, which is almost entirely devoted to matters of local interest. He is annoyed at what he calls side degrees, and

thinks Lodge rooms should not be devoted to the conferring of them. A matter which we think does not lie much in his way, the rooms of subordinate Lodges are in general their own property. He is puzzled about the great number of non-affiliated Masons, and suggests a remedy. We do not know how far his plan would succeed, as we do not profess to understand it, but we agree with him as regards kindly treatment, being convinced that there is more hope of *drawing* them in by the cords of love, than *driving* them in by the hangman's whip. He urges the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and an anathema on the Grand Orient of France, both of which G. Lodge sustained. How about the *consistency* in this matter? Finding fault with France for doing to Louisiana exactly that which you are doing to Canada. He had given a number of decisions, but they were common place and require no remark. The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Josiah H. Drummond. In a methodical way he reviews all of 1868 that has reached him, after closing his report for *that* year, and then reviews a great number for 1869, Canada among others. The work is carefully done, showing good taste in his selections, and great zeal in imparting useful information, and is all right until he comes to the Grand Orient of France, and then "He tynes his reason a' the gither," he is no longer a reviewer, but assumes to be the Grand Lodge of Maine. He works out a case showing that the body in the state of Louisiana recognized by the G. O. of France is *irregular and clandestine*, that by such recognition the G. O. of France is *irregular and clandestine*, and as a logical conclusion that all Masons, collectively and individually, who recognize the G. O. of France, will be *irregular and clandestine* also. We do not say whether we believe him or not, but we consider it equivalent to saying that the recognition of a Lodge of colored Masons would make us all *niggers*. But setting that aside, and allowing Bro. Drummond to have his hobby like other folks, he is a good worthy brother, as his review clearly shows.

At the expense of much care and labor he subjoins to his

review a statistical table of 41 Lodges he had examined, and also a synopsis of statistics for the three years 1868-9 and '70, which would be valuable if they could be made correctly, but that is impossible under the present system of making returns. While the 41 Lodges return the number of their members, only 40 give the number of their initiations, 37 their admissions, 33 their suspensions, 25 their rejections, and so on; and if we add the fact that these returns are made at different dates, the statistics at any given time can only be guess work. From the synopsis it appears that in said three years initiations have decreased about 5,000 and rejections increased about 1,400, which looks as if more care were exercised in selecting, suspensions for non-payment of dues is greatly on the increase. Bro. Drummond says that in all the Jurisdictions there are at least 25,000 suspended for this cause during the three years, and who remain suspended. The committee to whom was referred last year the question of abolishing the office of D. D. G. Master and paying a salary to the Grand Master, recommend deferring of action to a *future period*. Just as we anticipated.

Chartered Lodges 149, U. D. 5; members 14,726; Treasurer's assets \$5,937 60; balance on hand \$1,412 17.

M. W. Bro. John H. Lynde, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

MINNESOTA, 1869.

The sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota commenced in the City of St. Paul, 12th Jan'y, A.D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash, Grand Master, delivered his address, in which he announces that the Order is prosperous in the Jurisdiction; that it is in a more flourishing and healthy condition than at any former period of their history; that peace, harmony and kind fraternal feelings prevail in their Subordinate Lodges, and no difficulties of a serious nature have come to his notice, since the last communication;

he says Masons are made too fast, and commends vigilance at the doors; that nothing can be said against an applicant is not enough, he must be worthy and well qualified. Seven Dispensations had been granted for New Lodges. He says they now number 78 Lodges with a membership of upwards of 5,000. The death of the Hon. Moses Sherburne is referred to in feeling terms.

Grand Lodge passed a resolution that all non-affiliated Masons, who are permanent residents within the jurisdiction be notified by the oldest Lodge within whose jurisdiction they reside, to apply for membership within one month after notice, under certain pains and penalties mentioned in said resolution.

We fear the edict will be looked upon as a "*Brutum Fulmen*," but we will see.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence *Resolved* that the granting of a charter to open a New Lodge does not dimitt the members thereof from the Lodge to which they formerly belonged.

We give them hearty thanks for their opinion.

A Committee on *Ancient Landmarks*, to whom the following resolution had been referred:—"That no charter shall be issued to any Lodge U. D., until the W. M. shall certify that he has definite information that every chartered member thereof, has been regularly dimitted from the Lodge with which he was formerly affiliated—Committee recommends that this be indefinitely *postponed*, (we hope *for ever*.)

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report on 36 Grand Lodges,—Canada, for 1868, amongst others. The report is written by Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, P. G. M., and gives ample evidence of extensive information, long experience, sound judgment and a truly benevolent spirit.

M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary, were both re-elected.

MINNESOTA, 1870.

The seventeenth Grand Annual Communication commenced in the City of St. Paul, Jan'y 11th, A.D. 1870.

M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash sets forth in his address that the past year has been a prosperous one, peace and harmony have prevailed in the Subordinate Lodges; they have rapidly increased in numbers; no schisms have arisen to alienate one portion of the fraternity from the other, and nothing occurred, requiring *executive interference*. The reports of the D. D. G. Masters shows that although much imperfection exists, there prevails a "*willing mind*" in the right course. His official acts are given in full, which exhibit nothing out of the common order. Five Dispensations for New Lodges, and Dispensations for ordinary purposes, in accordance with the proceedings of other G. Masters; he then alludes to the *history*, the *end*, and the *objects* of Masonry in *true blue* style, from these we snatch a few sentences that may come out to the *Craft*, as "light shining in a dark place." The great end in view is to make men better and happier, contributing to the wants, and alleviating the sufferings of humanity, administering to the necessities of the distressed widow and helpless orphan, enlightening the understanding, cultivating the mental faculties, and improving the moral virtues of men. Putting on badges and adhering to ancient rights and usages alone, will never constitute the true and upright Mason, but stifling unhallowed desires and vicious propensities, banishing from our bosoms pride, ill-will, hatred, malice and revenge, and cultivating humility and charity. Masonry needs nothing new to add to her *wisdom*, *strength* and *beauty*. The more closely, in this day of change and professed reform, we adhere to the ancient landmarks, the more successful shall we be in accomplishing the design of our Order; she needs nothing new; her ritual is simple, impressive, unique and sublime; her inculcations are immortal truths, that must exist until wrong is banished from the world, and virtue re-instated on her ancient throne; until suffering has no want to relieve and no tear to dry. Masonry needs nothing new, for that which has survived

the mutations of time, the vandalism of war, the fires of persecution, the edicts of Kings, the bulls of Popes and the anathemas of the fanatical in all ages, possesses in itself alone, elements of perpetuity and success that must command the respect of its opponents, and the love of its adherents, elements that it would be fatally unwise to cast aside for anything novel and untried, no matter how beautiful it may appear. Man as he is by nature—the rough ashler, is the material Masonry designs to work upon; man as he should be—the perfect ashler—is the result she designs to produce.

On looking over the proceedings of the session, we find that Grand Masters' addresses are not entirely to be relied upon for the "*peace and harmony*" prevailing in Subordinate Lodges, and should be received with caution; for

"Even ministers they hae' been knn'd in holy rapture,
A rousin' whid at times to vend an' nail't wi' scripture."

The matters before the Committee of greivences seem to be in common with other folks, and some of them pretty stiff cases, but we hope their differences can all be settled amicably amongst themselves, hence we leave them alone.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports on the proceedings of 40 Grand Lodges—Canada, for 1869 included. The review is from the steady old quill of P. G. M., A. T. C. Pierson; his own remarks are not so numerous as last year, but when they occur, they are equally judicious.

Number of Lodges on the Roll 83, list of members not summed up. Receipts, \$3,501.30, balance on hand, \$1,253.60

M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary, were both re-elected.

MISSISSIPPI, 1869.

The fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, commenced in the City of Jackson, 18th January, A.D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Thomas S. Gathright, Grand Master, delivered his annual address. The document is plain, honest and decided, yet unassuming and unostentatious. He commences by referring to the ordeal through which they had passed in consequence of the war, "which had draped all their door posts with mourning, and planted *weeds* upon their hearth-stones," but congratulates the brethren on their present re-union, and trusts that their deliberations may be seasoned with that wisdom which adversity teaches. Mention is made of some of his official acts during the year, and others are withheld in as much as they are unimportant, and would tend to no good beyond swelling the printing bill, but he had brought them along to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, some of which we quote as follows, at least in substance:

"When one Mason buys goods of another Mason, fails to pay at the proper time, and afterwards takes the benefit of the Bankrupt Act, held, that he is not guilty of un-masonic conduct, *unless* there is fraud, or unless the goods were obtained on a pledge of faith as a Master Mason."

"That a subordinate Lodge cannot lay any tax on its members unwillingly, except the ordinary annual dues."

"When a non-affiliated Mason, or profane, applies for admission, when the report is unfavorable, *held* that the Master was in error to rule that the party is rejected, held that application can be decided only by secret ballot."

"Where Lodges elect brethren to the office of Master who have never served as Wardens, *held* that the Grand Master may, by special edict, upon all past Wardens declining to serve, declare such officers lawful"

Dispensations for ten new Lodges had been issued and two former dispensations renewed, at first he thought he had no election but to grant dispensations to all whose petitions were regular but had changed his mind, and believed he had the right of judging if the new Lodge applied for, was necessary. Contrary to his intentions, he had been unable to visit every Lodge in the jurisdiction, and was therefore unable to furnish precise *data* upon which to proceed in

establishing new Lodges. He thinks the rapid increase of chartered Lodges is making it difficult to adopt a financial system in harmony with the impoverished condition of subordinate Lodges, the whole accumulation of Grand Lodge funds being dissipated in payment of unnecessary *mileage* and *per diem*, leaving no margin for any general scheme of organized philanthropy, and farther, that carrying Masonry to every one's door makes it too common and cheap, that in times gone by when Masons would go from *five* to *ten* miles every month to attend Lodge, Masonry was to them a reality, they could hear the cry of distress and feel for another's woes. That in the present state of things some Lodges could scarcely get a quorum, although the sound of the *Lodge horn* might reach the ears, it awakened no sense of duty in the mind, and it was to be feared the widow's appeal, or the brother's sorrow would be equally powerless. He says there are a great many Lodges in the state and a goodly number of members, but can not say that Masonry is prosperous in Mississippi, seemingly little zeal for improvement. The desire to get *into* the body in many instances have grown out of an impression that some personal advancement would accrue, and that such (to his grievance) had constituted a large element in the membership for the last five years. Every safeguard that caution could suggest had been used by appointing committees to investigate the character of applicants, but how often is it the case that the members of such committees never give the matter a thought, or exchange half a dozen words until they are called upon to report? and how often do they report favorably, trusting to the ballot, or some one more scrupulous than themselves to avert the evil?

"It is vain to boast of a *Stand still Benevolence*. It may do for the Rocks to say 'we have done no harm,' but the questions to be propounded and answered are 'are you improving your mind by the acquisition of useful knowledge? Are you relieving distress? Are you subduing your passions?'" In conclusion he admonishes them to trust in God—*He* paints the autumn leaf, *He* wanes the sunshine, *He*

plumes the raven, He vocalizes the laughing waters, He restrains the waves of the sea, He sends the rain, the storm and the whirlwind, He dashes millions of worlds with mathematical precision through their stupendous orbits, and He is TRUTH. If we can trust *Him* we should practice the tenets of our order. Then laughing and sounds of joy will cleave the air from one end of our country to the other, and sadness, despondency and fear would be with us no more.

Under the caption of Foreign Correspondence, 31 Grand Lodges are reviewed by Bro. Charles T. Murphy, their style is lively, interspersed with many *trite* but truthful remarks, the whole pervaded by a sarcastic vein of humour, which gives them double piquancy. Canada for 1867, is favored with a brief notice. The principal topics alluded to are the G. Master's proposal as to non-affiliates, and his application to sister Lodges regarding the *Fenians*. That Bro. Ferguson's digestion had been much disturbed in reviewing 35 Grand Lodges, and his *admiration* of the multifarious work of our "Board of General Purposes." Well might he admire this last institution, for we find that our worthy sister of Mississippi requires *ten* or a dozen committees to do the same work.

He says Bro. A. A. Stevenson was elected Grand Master. We hope he has been more careful in giving other elections, for, in as far as we are concerned, this is not the fact.

Lodges whose returns are published 255, total Masons in jurisdiction 12,308.

M. W. Bro. Thos. S. Gathright, re-elected, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Powers, elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1870.

The fifty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the City of Jackson, commencing August 17th, 1870.

The M. W. Bro. Thomas S. Gathright, delivered his

address, much of which bears upon local matters, the specialty of their own By-Laws and the peculiarities of their present condition in the State; but it is a document abounding in sound wisdom, serious reflection, salutary advice and fraternal kindness. In commencing he expresses gratitude that the condition of the country since last year was much improved financially and otherwise, and recommends that they covenant anew to trust in God, and that all will be well if they cling to the horns of their Masonic altar. He remarks that his eye had searched in vain for the form of Bro. George D. Fee, and that he had heard no one salute Bro. E. A. Miller, they were both asleep and the Acacia blooming at the head of their graves; he had also heard, since coming to town, of the death of P. G. J. W., J. S. Fatheree, and P. G. M. Perkins—recommends devoting a memorial page to their memories. Nine dispensations for new Lodges had been granted, several visits made, and some corner-stones laid. A number of decisions had been given, but chiefly on points arising out of the complicated nature of their By-Laws—a revision of which he recommends—it having been declared by some of their ablest lawyers that they would rather prepare the pleadings for a case in Chancery than attempt to conduct a case through one of their subordinate Lodges. Speaking of the progress of Masonry in the State, he says the increase of their Lodges last year in numerical strength is great as is desired, unless they could believe that the new material is better than some of the old. “In morals, in purity, in sobriety, and in personal and masonic integrity there has been no progress since I addressed you last;” there are various solutions of this state of things and he submits four reasons as the result of his own investigation.

1. The war demoralized our whole people, male and female, including within its influence the children of the country.

2. Subsequent to the war, a system of oaths, test oaths, oaths of allegiance and other kinds, were inaugurated, which has had the effect to lessen the sanctity of moral obligations.

3. The peculiar condition of our people, politically, has had a tendency to render our white citizens desperate.

4. Last but not least, the inefficiency and ignorance of Masonic officers are fruitful sources of immorality and wantonness.

On the third point, the Grand Master devotes a page headed "Masonry versus politics," in which he urges submission to the laws of Congress, as regards the colored population, and on the four points above-mentioned, he says:—

"None of the above causes authorize the brethren in forsaking the landmarks our fathers had set, we should remember that God lives and rules. The same sun that smiled on *Adam* and lighted up all the paths of *Methusaleh*, by his rising in the east and setting in the unknown west; the moon with her waxings and wanings, all teach us lessons of uniformity, regularity and constancy in good works, and to go forward under clouds and in brightest day, in the discharge of every duty."

One other topic in this address, which we cannot omit, is headed OBJECTS OF THIS GRAND LODGE, which we hold should be the objects of every Grand Lodge. The burden of the article is what *outsiders* expect of us, and with all our pretensions, wherein do we differ from other men, which from the state of things as they exist, it is not easy for us to answer. He says, if we were better men, wiser men, among whom charges of lying and swindling did not exist, we might declare that our objective point had been gained. Masons, however, are constantly accusing each other of bad faith and of every wrong forbidden by the laws of God and man; Masons are heard profaning the name of God as often as other men; Masons are no more intelligent than other men in the same community; Masons devote as little time to the study of art and science as other men; Masons can be found not able to define an angle or a circle; Masons gather in as much and dispense as little as other men. My brethren, (says the G. M.) these things ought not to be thus.

We are sorry to leave out the many beautiful remarks of this address, but we must submit.

The proceedings of 44 Grand Lodges are reviewed by Bro. Charles T. Murphy, in his usual *facetious* style. In the proceedings of Canada for 1868, the first thing that tickles his curiosity is "why we call our seat in the *E* a throne," but by the time he gets to the end of his article, he discovers Bro. White's answer to Bro. Sanders, of Montana, who advised us to "give our thrones to fools, to whom they rightly belong," he (Bro. Murphy) says, "seeing how Bro. Sanders has fared, I am sorry I made the remark."

This reminds us of an anecdote of an old gentleman, "all of the olden style, (away back at a period when Doctors were not so thickly planted as now) who had domiciled with him a friend who got very sick. The gentleman determined to get him advice, and wrote a long letter to a medical friend stating the case and requiring his immediate presence. His pen was not that of a "ready writer" and by the time he was about to close (lock, as it was called in those days) his letter, a menial informed him that his friend was *dead*; he added a *postscript* to his letter saying, "My dear friend is dead now, *you need not come*," and sent an express with it to the doctor, a distance of 20 miles. If Brother Murphy saw cause for sorrow for putting his questions before it left his desk, he might have cancelled it. As to his second query—"what we mean by V," we know ourselves and believe it to be our *own* matter. His third query—"holding the minutes as read," as he says four-fifths of the American Lodges do the same thing, he might have got his information nearer home, but we answer that no man or body of men could be held bound by any document which he had neither read nor heard read. If the parties interested hold the matter *as having been read* they are as firmly bound by it, as if it had been read by each and all of them *word by word*, and when they know every word before hand, the acknowledgment is made *breviatus causa*. Viewing the matter from this stand point, Bro. Murphy's proposal of abolishing the practice is erroneous.

There are in the jurisdiction 270 Lodges reporting, and 8 not reporting, in all 278; membership, 11,882.

M. W. Bro. George R. Fearn, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The semi-annual Meeting of Grand Lodge of Maryland, convened at the City of Baltimore, May 10th, 1869.

In the absence of the Grand Master, Bro. Francis Burns, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, called the Lodge to order, and requested past Master John S. Berry, to take the chair, who opened the Lodge in due form.

A communication was read from the M. W. Bro. John Coates, G. M., who was prevented by bad health from being present.

In consideration of the heavy debt incurred in the erection of their Masonic Temple, he recommends that the dedication thereof be without any public demonstration, and that they should husband every dollar until the debt was paid off. All their proceedings were of a local character, and their financial affairs of private interest. They acknowledge receipt of fraternal Correspondence from 49 Grand Lodges, Canada amongst the number, but no review.

They have 71 subordinate Lodges, and 4,791 members.

M. W. Bro. John Coates, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, State of Michigan, convened in the City of Detroit, 12th January, A. D. 1870.

M. W. Bro. A. T. Metcalf, Grand Master, delivered his address, which he introduced in a cheerful and felicitous style. He remarks that they are now entered upon another

decade, when census statistics will cause numberless comparisons to be instituted between 1860 and 1870, and give occasion for many reviews of the great events of intervening years. He then refers to the progress of Masonry in their own jurisdiction. In 1860 they had 115 Lodges and 5,816 members, in 1870 there are 257 Lodges and over 20,000 members or Master Masons in good standing. Our wealth and our capacity for accomplishing the charitable purposes of our order have proportionately increased with our numbers. During the year thirteen dispensations had been granted for new Lodges, and in some cases petitions had been refused in consequence of non-compliance with regulations. Had attended five dedications of new Masonic Halls, had laid the corner-stone of a Methodist Church, at Neguance, by proxy, and the corner-stone of a Court House, at Muskegon, in person. He mentions some Lodges who had made efforts to surrender their charters for the purpose of paving the way for the formation of a new Lodge, which should exclude a certain element which it was supposed could not be eliminated by charges and trial; the surrender of the charter and dispensation had both been refused.

We hear from almost every G. M. the warning, "Guard your portals," but we have not met with anything that cries more loudly than this. There are many men to be found who it is impossible to "eliminate by charges and trial," who are yet a nuisance to society. The attempt of surrendering the charter as above proposed is mean and selfish, the bad element has got *in* and is thrown on the fraternity at large by their remissness, and the only proper course to pursue is to strain every nerve to reclaim, and improve and polish the rough material that has fallen into their hands.

The G. Master refers to the subject of a new code of By-Laws, the erection of a Masonic Temple, and many other things of a local character. In referring to the troubles of the Grand Lodge of Canada he views the case from an American stand-point, but recommends that Grand Lodge,

for the present should refrain from all interference in the matter at issue, adding that "our relations with our Canadian brethren have always been—and I hope they may always continue to be—most harmonious and fraternal." He acknowledges the receipt of a communication from the Grand Lodge of Italy, extending to them fraternal greetings, and remarks that she has but recently emerged from embarrassment, and "we most cordially grasp the hand extended to us from beneath the shadow of St. Peter's, and bid them a hearty God speed."

R. W. Bro. Thomas N. Lee, Jun., who had been appointed D. D. G. M. for what is called the upper peninsula, reports favourably on the state of the Lodges in these parts, and so also does R. W. Bro. Henry M. Look, Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

The committee to whom had been referred the matter of dispute between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France, arrived at the conclusion to dissolve all existing intercourse between them.

On the question of granting a dimit, the G. M. gave his decision "That a dimit should not be given unless removing from the jurisdiction, or, to form a new Lodge." The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom this item was referred, could not agree, a portion of them sustaining the decision of the G. M., the other holding that a brother in good standing is entitled to a dimit as a matter of right on payment of all dues.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 40 Grand Lodges, the review is by R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Fenton, and the most we can gather from it is the fact that these Lodges exist. Mention is made of a communication of G. Lodge of Canada, in *January 1869*. Bro. Fenton signs himself chairman *ex-officio*. We were not aware that any Grand Officer was chairman of any committee *ex-officio*, and would consider it a bad practice.

Lodges 279, Members 20,346, Treasurer's assets \$18,988.22, balance on hand \$10,361 08.

M. W. Bro. A. T. Metcalf, G. Master, and R. W. Bro. Jas. Fenton, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

NEBRASKA, 1868.

The eleventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska commenced at Bellevue, June 24th, A. D. 1868.

M. W. Bro. O. H. Irish, Grand Master, in his address says—

"The great number of letters received and answered by me during the past year, not only from Lodges, but from private individuals, propounding questions of great importance to our Order, and the able manner in which many of them are discussed, is most flattering to the general Masonic intelligence diffusing itself throughout the jurisdiction."

He submits some of the most important of his decisions in response to those letters. We give the import of a few of them :

• A Lodge U. D. only pay Grand Lodge dues accruing from initiation, all other dues payable to the Chartered Lodge of the jurisdiction, and that the authority of the Chartered Lodge over its members or non-affiliated Masons is not restricted by the dispensation.

Dimitted Masons, although working a Lodge U. D. are, strictly speaking, non-affiliated Masons.

A Warden who has only served as such by virtue of an appointment of the Grand Master in a Lodge U. D., is not eligible to be elected a W. M. Officers cannot be installed by proxy.

Six dispensations had been granted for new Lodges. All applications for dispensations for conferring degrees had been refused.

The proceedings of 36 Grand Lodges are reviewed—Canada for 1867 included. The review is by R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise, Grand Secretary, and is a production of which

he need not be ashamed. He acknowledges our notice of Nebraska for 1865, but wonders why 1866 is omitted, as, he says, their proceedings were forwarded in October of that year.

There are fifteen Chartered Lodges, (less one Charter surrendered) and six U. D.: members, 784.

There are appended to the proceedings, copy of Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of Grand Lodge, Rules and Regulation for government of Subordinate Lodges, standing Resolutions, and a long list of decisions given by the Grand Master. Also, installation ceremony of Grand Officers, with charge to each; the programme at laying corner-stones; the ceremony of Masonic burial, and a complete set of forms, hence we think this little volume might be called the "*Mason's Vade Mecum*." We have elsewhere said that we would like to see uniformity in these matters as well as in the *lex non scripta*, and we think the publishing of Constitutions, By-Laws, &c., would be the best means to bring it about.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

NEBRASKA, 1869.

The twelfth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, of the State of Nebraska, commenced at Nebraska City, Oct. 26th, A. D. 1869.

The Grand Master being absent from the state, the East was occupied by the Deputy G. M. Several dispensations for new Lodges had been granted during the year. Some by the G. M. before leaving the country, and some by the Deputy G. M. Some of those by the latter had been granted before his superior had actually left the country, although his being about to leave was well understood, and the legality of those so granted was disputed.

The committee on Jurisprudence found that the D. G. M.

could not grant dispensations unless the G. M. was absent from the state, or sick, or had delegated his authority.

The proceedings of the Communications are nearly all of a local kind and have little in them of general interest.

The proceedings of 24 Grand Lodges are reviewed minutely and at considerable length (72 pages,) by R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise. Canada is not amongst them.

They have 25 subordinate lodges, and 893 members. Treasurer received \$2,214 50, paid \$1,991 50, on hand \$223.

M. W. Bro. H. P. Denel, elected Grand Master, and R. W. R. W. Bro. Furnas, elected Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick commenced at the City of St. John, 22nd September, A.D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Grand Master, says in his address, that Grand Lodge is prospering in the jurisdiction, foreign relations have increased, and returns from Lodges are encouraging. They are negotiating with the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, for the establishment of fraternal communications between them. There are only two Lodges within the Province who have not affiliated with them; they have 25 Lodges and 1,419 members; the Treasurer has received \$1,600, and paid all out less \$66.

Proposals were made at the Communication for the erection of a Masonic Temple at St. John; for the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, and for a Festival at next Annual Communication.

They manage their affairs as we do here—by a “Board of General Purposes.” Their Grand Secretary is an *appointed* officer, with the prefix of V. W., while only W., alone, is accorded to the other appointed officers. We think this arrangement is peculiarly their own—but we suppose they have a right to do in the premises as they please.

M. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters was re-elected Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, *appointed* Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

The fifth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Nevada commenced in the City of Virginia, Sept. 21st, 1869.

M. W. Bro. George W. Hopkins, Grand Master, delivered his annual address, concise, but well packed with good sense and true Masonic spirit. He says, outward appearances show Masonry in America to be in a more prosperous state than ever before; but has doubts if these outward appearances are to be depended on; he refers to fears that are entertained about the rapid increase of membership; he urges the necessity of guarding well the *outer door*. Alluding to his official acts, he refers to various matters affecting their jurisdiction by subordinate Lodges under Grand Lodge of New York, in all which cases the G. L. of New York has acted in the most fraternal manner.

A circular from Grand Lodge of North Carolina had been received asking the opinion of this G. Lodge as to the propriety of the use of *cypher* for the preservation of the esoteric work. The G. M. repudiates the idea on the principle of "attending to our obligations."

During the preceding year, the Lodges in this jurisdiction had been subjected to great annoyance, by the influx of parties to the mining districts in the State from all quarters of the globe; and being Masons, in full standing, they did not know very well how to exclude them, and yet not satisfied that they were of the right material.

The proceedings of 40 Grand Lodges are ably reviewed by the Grand Secretary, Bro. William A. M. Van Bokkelen; Canada for 1868 included.

Treasurer's amount of assets, \$2,633.28; all paid out less on hand \$603.05. There are 13 Lodges; members, 979.

M. W. Bro. G. W. Hopkins, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Wm. A. M. Van Bokkelen, Grand Secretary, were both re-elected.

NEW JERSEY.

The eighty-third Annual Convocation of Grand Lodge, commenced at Trenton, 19th January, A. D. 1870.

M. W. Bro. Henry R. Cannon, delivered his address, the preamble to which is as follows:

"Since our last assembling peace has prevailed over the length and breadth of our extended and rapidly growing country. No signal of war's alarms to engage in foreign or fraternal strife has fallen upon our ears. The brethren have been permitted to pursue their usual avocations in peace and quietness. The labors of the husbandman have been blessed and our storehouses are overflowing with the abundant proceeds of the harvests. Pestilence has not stalked among us and caused the land to mourn over the devastations of disease and death. The same kind Providence has watched over and blessed us as a fraternity with a steady and judicious increase in the membership of our Lodges, with still stronger attachment to the principles and teachings of our ancient institution, and a greater disposition to exemplify by precept and example the tenets of our beloved order,"

Reference is made to three veterans who had bid them adieu since last assembled. Sickness and business engagements had prevented him from making so many personal visits as he could have wished. He had been present at the dedication of two Lodge rooms. Five delegates to Grand Lodges had been appointed, and he was anxious that stronger efforts were made to unite more closely with the Lodges of the country.

He presents communications from France and Italy, and also from Quebec seeking recognition. The committee in the case of France and Louisiana deferred any positive decision in the hope that France would reconsider her actions, and also deferred action in the case of Quebec until further information. Attention is called to an application of colored

Masons for recognition, referred to committee to be reported on next Annual Communication. A large proportion of the decisions rendered during the year had been a reiteration of those formerly given. A report is furnished of such as are new.

1. "Charges of unmasonic conduct can only be presented by a member of the Lodge with which the accused is connected, or in whose jurisdiction he resides.

2. An officer of a Lodge duly elected and installed cannot resign.

3. The election of officers in a subordinate Lodge must be by ballot.

4. The examination of a visiting brother may be made by the Master at such time and place as he may select. It need not take place in the Lodge or ante-room.

5. A committee of investigation of charges of unmasonic conduct are not obliged to express an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused. In most cases it is advisable to report the evidence alone.

6. It is not the duty of a Lodge to procure counsel for an accused brother; should he neglect or be unable so to do, care should be taken that no injustice is done.

7. A petition for the degrees of Masonry must be signed by the candidate, and any action that a Lodge may take upon a petition by other than the applicant, is null and void."

The Committee on Jurisprudence objected to the first, and held that any affiliated Mason may prefer charges in a Lodge of which the brother preferring the charge is a member.

Held in regard to 9th that the *Dimit* takes effect when the vote is given, whether the document is issued or not.

The Grand Master closes his address with a short and salutary lecture on the teachings of Masonry, summed up as follows:

"Everywhere in Masonry, whether in lecture or in symbolism, are found the breathings of virtue, of honesty, of self denial, of justice, of charity, of true manliness. By precept and example it is your parts and duties to inculcate these lessons among those over whom you are placed, that the members of our fraternity may be looked up to as patterns of these inestimable virtues, and so our beloved order be everywhere, by its members, and by the outside world, to whom the veil of the temple of mystery has never been drawn aside, respected and honored. Endeavour then to impress upon the minds and hearts of the brethren that their lives should be in accordance with these instructions, and that influenced by these principles of our noble institutions they will best discharge the duties that each and all owe to God and to their neighbors, and do this by the exemplification of such principles in your own walk in life."

The deputy Grand Master and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens gave reports that speak well for the healthy state of Masonry in the jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge publishes a well arranged digest of all her decisions, a production valuable to her own Lodges, and might be valuable to all, if uniformity of By-Laws should ever be attempted.

Among the resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge was one to present a Past Master's jewel to Grand Master Henry R. Cannon, and another for a suitable jewel to the Grand Secretary, as an expression of regard for him who has filled the office for nearly thirty-two years.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 44 Grand Lodges besides France and Italy. The work is from the pen of the Grand Secretary J. H. Hough, and gives good evidence of a qualified workman. Canada for 1869, comes in for a respectful notice.

The Treasurer's report shows assets \$6,744 15, paid out \$4,552 42, balance on hand \$2,191 73.

Subordinate Lodges 109, members 8,343.

M. W. Bro. Robert Rusling, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The eighty-third Annual Communication commenced in the City of Raleigh, December 6th, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Robert B. Vance, Grand Master, delivered his annual address, arranged, or divided, into a preface, twenty heads of discourse, and a conclusion. Our space will not allow us to give only a cursory glance at some of the principal topics. The preface is in the usual style, gratitude for past favors, and trust in the G. A. O. T. U. for the future.

DEATH.—During the year Bro. James Banks, Grand Historian, and Bro. W. A. Jenkins, Grand Orator, had gone to the land of spirits.

CORRESPONDENCE had been unusually voluminous, caused by Lodges not paying proper attention to the Constitution, By-laws and Resolutions of Grand Lodge.

HARMONY, with one or two exceptions, prevailed in the jurisdiction.

LODGES, U. D.,—fifteen in all,—six continued last year, and nine granted this year.

DECISIONS.—A great number not mentioned, being of only local interest, and some are brought forward for the purpose of being corrected by Grand Lodge. We select a few which seem to be of general import, leaving out those not sustained by Grand Lodge :—

1st. The Daughter of an expelled Mason loses her Masonic right with her father.

We question this. We are under obligations to a Mason's daughter which no act of her father can annul.

2nd. It is as improper to disclose the ballot on a dimit, as on the petition of a profane.

3rd. Exclusion from a particular Lodge does not impair the standing of a Brother with the fraternity at large.

4th. An officer in a chartered Lodge may hold an office in a Lodge U. D. until the charter is granted.

5th. A member cannot be justly or lawfully expelled for non-payment of dues.

6th. A Lodge may remit dues for *cause*—say poverty or distress.

7th. An installed officer cannot resign until his successor is installed.

8th. A petition for membership, etc., cannot be withdrawn less by consent.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.—Recommends severance of connection with her, until she ceases to countenance spurious and clandestine Masonry.

SISTER GRAND LODGES.—The Grand Lodge of North Carolina is at peace and harmony with all her sisters.

OUR MISSION.—Brethren! There is much for us to do in the world; there are those who hunger to be fed, there are those who die for knowledge to be educated, and there are wounds to be molified with ointment, and see what a vast field we have in which to labor. Our Lodge is the world, our mother is the universe, and our Father is God.

The following resolution was brought before Grand Lodge:

1st. That this Grand Lodge cannot recognize any other mode of making Masons than the one sanctioned by the immemorial usage of the Craft—namely—in a regular Lodge, after previous notice, and due enquiry into character.

2nd. That this Grand Lodge cannot and does not recognize any inherent right or power or prerogative in Grand Masters to make Masons at sight or will, out of a regular Lodge, and must regard the exercise of such power not only as arbitrary, but in violation of the plain and unmistakeable provisions of the ancient charges and constitutions of Masonry, and must consider all such makings as irregular and illegal."

After some discussion and amendments, the resolution as above was adopted—adding a clause, however, that all Masons hitherto made in the above way would be recognized, but none hereafter.

We have 125 pages of a review of 39 Grand Lodges, by D. W. Bain, R. W. York, and R. C. Badger. Canada is not amongst the number. The review gives long and well-chosen extracts from the many excellent addresses of Grand Masters. The proceedings are narrated without comment.

The assets of Treasurer, \$3,029.50 ; disbursements, \$2,944.-77. Balance on hand, \$84.73. Number of Lodges, 218. Masons, 10,715.

M. W. Bro. Robert B. Vance, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

There is appended to the volume, the ceremony of installation of all the Grand Officers, by Bro. F. C. Roberts, Sen., Grand Deacon.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held at Halifax, 23rd June, 1869.

In the volume before us we have the proceedings of one emergency and four quarterly meetings. The principal topics referred to at the five communications last mentioned are remodelings of Constitution, and standing orders, admitting new Lodges—or rather receiving old Lodges seeking admission ; and effecting a union with the District GRAND LODGE.

At the Annual Communication, M. W. Bro. Stephen R. Sircom, Grand Master, delivered his address, which may be said to consist of two parts :

1st. A brief narrative of proceedings in adjusting matters between Grand Lodge and the different bodies holding under Scotland and England, which had resulted in a happy union.

2nd. An account of his own transactions during the year in visiting, granting dispensations, giving decisions, and correspondence.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review proceedings of 21 Grand Lodges—Canada not amongst them.

After the election, appointment and installation of Grand Officers, the Grand Lodge went in procession to St. Paul's church, where they listened to an excellent sermon by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, from Heb. 13th and 1st, "*Let brotherly love flourish.*" After which the proclamation of the act of union between the several Masonic bodies was made, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

There are 52 subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction; names of members given but not summed up.

The Finance Committee reported balance in hands of Treasurer, \$152.83, and due by subordinate Lodges \$450.

M. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. W. C. D. Tining, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oregon commenced in the City of Portland, 21st June, 1869.

M. W. Bro. Avery A. Smith, Grand Master, delivered his address. He makes the pleasing announcement that at no time since the organization of Grand Lodge had there been more perfect harmony or better feeling among the members than at present. In his account of his *doings*, it appears that no less than six dispensations had been granted for conferring degrees out of "due time." A question had been put to him whether a member could have further degrees conferred on him, having become maimed after receiving the first or second; he answers in the affirmative, which is surely right provided the maiming is not such as renders it *impossible* to communicate them. We are sorry to see

so much fuss about the physical qualifications, while the moral qualifications of *sound mind* and *good report* are all but ignored. It is *choking on a gnat* and *swallowing a camel*. He takes up another of the all-absorbing questions of the day, that of non-affiliation. He shows at some length—what no Lodge denies—that every Mason *should* be affiliated; he suggests as a remedy the dispensing with affiliation dues which Grand Lodge adopted. Perhaps this may be all right although we do not see why a member should be admitted without paying a registration fee, and we are not sure that it does not look something like offering a premium for members; be that as it may, we scarcely think that an attachment to dollars and cents is a primary cause of non-affiliation, on the contrary, a member having his eye fixed on pecuniary advantages, would be most likely to keep affiliated. We think—and we find we are not alone in our opinion—the *disinterestedness*, or rather the absence of anything to *interest*, is the principal cause. Hundreds who go through, whose minds are not expanded so as to comprehend the moral beauties of the teachings, and no painstaking to expand them, soon become indifferent, and even intelligent minds get tired of sitting three hours like *mutes*, listening for the *fiftieth time*, to the bare repetition of the *A. B. C.* and nothing more, they will prefer spending the evening in the bosom of their family, or in some place of more intelligent entertainment, and may ultimately arrive at the conclusion that affiliation is of no importance. If this is a cause, the remedy is obvious.

The M. W. G. M. suggests, on the subject of *dimits*, that they should only be held as a certificate of good standing and a permission to join another Lodge, the Brother retaining his membership until his Lodge has been notified that he has been accepted a member of another Lodge.

This we call good common sense, no one is injured by it. The party, if he takes a *Dimit*, is objected to perhaps, at the Lodge to which he applies; no matter, he is a member of the Lodge he left, and so he ought to be until another

Lodge receives him, and after *that* he can get his dimit on paying all dues up to the time of his new affiliation.

He (the G.M.) is tickled by a party who are peddling side degrees. He says:—

“I was both amused and chagrined, a short time ago, to find in one of the newspapers in the City of Portland, under the head of Masonic Election of Officers, an account of an election, held in a Lodge called the *Eastern Star*, where ladies were elected to offices of high sounding names, but offices new in Masonry. I say nothing of the character of these so-called side degrees; they are undoubtedly good in themselves, but I do say they are no part of Free-masonry, and should have no connection whatever with it; *that the name* of side degrees of Masonry is entirely unauthorized, and should be discountenanced by Masons.”

Now, we suppose that the so called side degrees (or outside degrees if you like) are generally esteemed as no part of Masonry, neither will they ever be recognized by Masons as a body, but if a few Masons choose to entertain and amuse their fair sisters, by giving them degrees, “*Good in themselves*,” and “elect officers with high sounding names,” but *new in* (or rather *not in*) Masonry, we are inclined to think the matter beneath the notice of a Grand Lodge.

A beautiful address was delivered by the Grand Orator; we dare not begin to quote, as we can find no stopping-place except at the end.

Thirty-six Grand Lodges are ably reviewed by Bro. S. F. Chadwick,—Canada for 1868 is included.

Number of Subordinate Lodges at work in 1869, 33, members, 1,343.

Total resources of Grand Lodge for the year, \$7,435.35.

A copy of Standing Orders and Resolutions appended.

M. W. Bro. D. G. Clark was elected, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. E. Hurford, re-elected Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have in this volume the Quarterly Communication held December 1st, A. D. 1869, and Annual Communication December 27th, A. D. 1869, both at Philadelphia.

The business of the first Communication seems to be all connected with their local financial affairs, the erection of a new Masonic Temple and the election of Officers for installation at Annual Communication.

At the Annual Communication we have 26 pages containing the valedictory address of the retiring G. M. Bro. Richard Vaux, and the inaugural address of his successor, Bro. Robert H. Lamberton, of 11 pages.

These addresses, long as they are, and good as they are, do not present anything more extraordinary than other Grand Masters who do not go so far "*about the bush*."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review 42 Grand Lodges. Canada for 1868 comes in for a just share of notice. The work is from the pen of Bro. Robert Fisher. He commences his report by telling us that "brevity is the soul of wit," be that as it may the brevity of his remarks covers 144 pages; but while we make this remark on his brevity we highly prize the selections he has made, and congratulate the Lodges within the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania of having such a fund of valuable matter brought to their door, hoping they will highly prize and dilligently improve the many good things that their worthy brother has brought within their reach.

There are 279 subordinate lodges, and about 31,300 members.

M. W. Bro. Robert a Lamberton, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John R. Thomson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

We have proceedings of Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

First, at Pawtucket, August 6th, A. D. 1868, where work and Lectures of E. A. Degree were fully exemplified.

Second, at Providence, October 26th, A. D. 1868, for installing Grand officers and to hear the report of Grand Lodge of instruction.

Third, at Providence, October 27th, A. D. 1868, for dedication of Corinthian Lodge, and installing officers.

Fourth, Semi-Annual Communication, November 16th, A. D. 1868, general business.

Fifth, special meeting, April 30th, A. D. 1869, local business.

Sixth, Annual Communication, May 17th, A. D. 1869.

The M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, delivered his annual address. He says the subordinates are in a healthy condition, although less work had been done than in the preceding year, he is inclined to think that the falling off in the number of candidates will be beneficial in its results, he does not believe that the evidence of a strong Lodge is to be found in a long list of new members, but rather in a small body of good and true men.

The financial condition of the G. Lodge is much improved, in place of the indebtedness of last year, they had now a balance of \$794 09.

Notice is taken of the decease of W. Bro. Daniel A. Smith, and W. Bro. Joseph Coit.

He had given several decisions during the year.

He had last year given two decisions:

1st. That an affirmation can be taken instead of an oath when the party refuses to take an oath on conscientious grounds.

2nd. A man who has lost one foot which has been replaced by an artificial one, can be admitted.

Several of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence had dissented from these.

He stoutly defends himself—on grounds which we think rather untenable—we are aware that the two points at issue have been noticed by those who are older and wiser than we, but we claim right to an opinion. As regards an affirmation instead of an oath, although the Courts of Law have made such an arrangement, with *that* we have nothing to do, our answer should be, WE DID NOT SO RECEIVE IT, AND CANNOT SO IMPART IT. No one will allege that a man who has lost a foot is *sound in members*, and we do not see that an artificial foot alters the fact, apart from landmarks altogether we see no necessity for taking in the *halt* or the *lame* or the *maimed* so long as there is plenty of sound materials to be got.

The Grand Master informs us that cases of discipline had been more numerous than formerly, which he takes as an indication there was a determination to cast aside such bad material as had found its way into the fraternity.

We hope his view is correct, but it might be an indication of increased delinquency.

There is no review of Foreign Correspondence.

Statistics show 27 Lodges and 3,013 members.

M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Charles D. Green, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Communication commenced at the City of Charleston, 16th November, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. James Conner, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. R. S. Bruns, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, sets forth that Masonry in the jurisdiction for the past year had been characterized by continued harmony and increased progress. The differ-

ences between the Grand Lodge of Virginia and that of West Virginia had been adjusted ; he recommends the recognition of the latter. No question of any importance had been presented from subordinate Lodges, neither had any conflict of jurisdiction arisen amongst them. Dispensations had been granted to thirteen new Lodges. He goes at great length into the matter of Grand Lodge of Louisiana *vs.* Grand Orient of France, and finally recommends that all fraternal relations with the latter cease until she retraces her steps.

The proceedings of Grand Lodge are all of local interest.

The proceedings of thirty Grand Lodges are reviewed in a masterly style by R. W. Bro. R. S. Bruns, Grand Secretary. Canada for 1868 is included.

Assets for the year, \$9,976.77. Lodges, 143. Members about 6,000.

M. W. Bro. James Conner, re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. B. Rush Campbell, elected Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

From the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, we have only received a pamphlet containing the review of Grand Lodges, by Bro. George S. Blackie, M. D., assistant Grand Secretary, reported to Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, October, A. D. 1869. To which is appended a table of Grand Lodges in the United States, and another of Foreign Grand Lodges in correspondence with Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and an almanac of full moons from October, 1869, to December, 1883, prepared by R. W. Bro. Langridge, of Muscatine, Iowa, and copied from their proceedings.

Forty-two American and 35 Foreign Lodges are noticed, some largely and some shortly. Canada for 1868, comes in for a share.

The review is full without any personal remarks, but it is chiefly for 1868, the *Res gesta* of which is already in the hands, or upon the shelves, of our readers. We feel

sorry they did not favor us with the proceedings of their Grand Lodge for 1869.

There is one peculiarity in this review that strikes our notice, viz.: Our Dominion Lodges are all classed as *Foreigners*. We do not say that Tennessee is wrong, far from it; nationally we are under another flag, and woe to us the day we will disown it—but the arrangement looks so *uncouth*: we are placed far away down south, between *Buenos Ayres* and *Chili*, we have never recognized,—nor been recognized by—our dear sister of America as foreigners, and we think it is a pity that any attempt should be made to divide the North American continent MASONICALLY—perhaps Dr. Blackie thought it right to stick to the “Letter of the law”—but we do not think our American sisters will bear him out in his nice national distinction.

TEXAS.

The thirty-third Annual Communication commenced in the City of Houston, June 14th, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Peter W. Gray, Grand Master, delivered his address, in the opening part of which he gratefully acknowledges that general health has prevailed, a large measure of peace has predominated among our people and harmony has shed her benign light with steady and peaceful rays upon the labor of the Craft. The few instances of discord that have appeared are as spots upon the Sun making the surrounding light more brilliant. In passing he cannot omit mention of the fraternal greetings given him on St. John's Day, in December last, by the brethren in Toronto, Canada, true Masonic spirit prevailed among them, and he found them given to hospitality to strangers.

The Grand Lodge of West Virginia is recognized. The conduct of the Grand Orient of France is denounced. A detail is given of his transactions during the year, among others four dispensations for new Lodges had been granted and others refused

Reports from D. D. G. Masters had been received. In the chapter of his address headed *admissions* and *rejections* after urging the necessity of rejecting bad materials he comes to notice that good measures may be carried too far, and supposes cases that might be called malicious rejections, "suppose that a member persistently perverts his right of ballot by rejecting the best material a community affords, to the manifest injury of the order, is there no power to correct the evil? In my judgment there is no evil without a remedy. Power must exist somewhere, from the very necessity of the case. When a right granted is manifestly perverted to the injury of that which it was designed and given to protect, it should be taken away. In such case it seems to me that the Master of the Lodge should have the power to exclude the member who so debases his privilege, subject, of course, to responsibility for arbitrary or wrongful exercise of the power, on complaint of the member. When done in the spirit of moderation on satisfactory grounds, no evil could result. I admit that it is a remedy liable to abuse, but so are all powers. It is an extreme case of wrong only, that requires its exercise, but the extremity of the case justifies it." The committee to whom this point was referred do not concur, on the ground that it would utterly destroy the right of the ballot. But they say a mason who AVOWS A PURPOSE to use his right of ballot improperly, may be dealt with for unmasonic conduct. We do not think a mason has any right to *avow his purpose*, to use his right of ballot in any way, and we wonder how the G. M. supposed the W. M. was to know the offending member. The G. M. had received intelligence of the death of D. D. G. M., Wm. H. Cooper. The conclusion of his address is sublime, but our space will not permit us to copy.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 39 Grand Bodies, Canada not in the number.

Assets by Grand Treasurer, \$14,379; Charity Fund, \$1,050 60; Fees and Dues, \$11,450 65; Lodges 317, and 4 U. D.

A copy of Resolutions and Edicts appended.

M. W. Bro. Philip C. Tucker, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Bringham, re-elected Grand Secretary.

After the installation, the retiring G. Master, Bro. Peter M. Gray was presented in name of Grand Lodge with a Past Grand Master's Jewel.

VERMONT.

The Annual Communication convened in the City of Burlington, 9th June, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. George M. Hall, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary.

The G. M. in his address, sets forth in glowing colors, their duty as a Grand Lodge; panegyricizes his predecessors, to whom Grand Lodge owes so much of its present prosperity and influence, if not its existence; eulogizes the beauty and glory of the institution, and congratulates on the continued prosperity of the order in Vermont—he brings to mind that the popularity of the order may be its greatest danger, that many may be *with us* who are not *of us*, and (like many of his worthy contemporaries) cautions watching of the outposts. In his report of his official acts he had—amongst other things—granted three dispensations for new Lodges, and had refused others, believing that they would curtail the boundaries of Lodges already existing. That the Lodges to whom charters were granted last year had all been constituted either by himself or by commissioners, and a great many other things of local import.

He alludes feelingly and encomiastically to four worthies who had “shuffled off this mortal coil,” Bro. Gamaliel Washburne, Bro. Seth R. Day, M. D., Samuel S. Butler, and Henry J. Ruggles, all of whom had been bright luminaries either in Grand Lodge or in its jurisdiction, mourning pages are devoted to each of them.

36 decisions are given, many of them in accordance with By-Laws—these we let alone, but notice a few in which the By-Laws do not guide.

1st. A brother dimitting for the purpose of joining another Lodge but has failed to do so, cannot be re-affiliated except by petition, &c.

We have elsewhere said that no brother should dimit until he see if another Lodge will receive him, it is a fruitful source of non-affiliation in spite of himself, and if rejected on his first application it raises in his bosom a contempt for the order—let any mason in good standing look into his own heart and see how he would feel, by being rejected—would he not say,—let your By-laws go to the “moles and the bats”—I am a mason in spite of *your teeth* and no arrangement of yours can throw me out of the universal fraternity.

2nd. A candidate who has made a false statement as to age would be a subject of masonic discipline.

We think you are to blame, you had no more right to take the *ipsi dixit* of the candidate as to age, than for any other qualification, it is certain that no man on earth has less personal recollection of his advent than the man himself, and he may have been mis-informed; besides, we have yet to learn that certain *years* of age is a *landmark*, and you may find that a *good chip* of 16 may be as useful to the building as a block of 26, and if you have let him *in*, you will better let him alone.

3rd. A brother against whom charges have been preferred cannot prefer charges against another brother so long as he himself is under charges.

We wish some recognized authority would tell us why? If this is law, it certainly is not justice.

4th. There are two decisions which may be put in one, the substance of them being,—“That a Lodge cannot be congregated, nor regalia worn except for the *legitimate purposes* of

masonry, thence are excluded balls, levees or any such kindred amusements.

The great question involved here is,—*what are the legitimate purposes of masonry?* What is the laying of a corner-stone, but a mere fantastic affair, a piece of amusement? The corner-stones of gorgeous buildings have been laid by profanes and by women, and as well done, and by parties who—practically—knew as much about it as do speculative masons, *as such*, but waiving all that, we cannot see great difference between a ball or a levee, and a feast at the tail of laying a corner stone, or a champagne lunch at the dedication of a hall, we are inclined to hold that *no work* is illegitimate so long as the dignity of the order is preserved—the jewels untarnished by vice, and the gloves and aprons unstained by sin.

P. G. M. Engelsby had a P. G. Master's jewel presented to him, with an address, to which he made a suitable reply.

Twelve D. D. G. Ms. brought in their reports, which as a whole gave a favourable account of masonry in the jurisdiction. Like all other flocks there are a few *black sheep*, but they are by far outnumbered by the *white* and *well-favoured*.

The review of Foreign Correspondence is lengthy and contains a great amount of valuable information, 46 Grand Bodies are taken notice of, and prominently amongst others, Canada for 1868.

No tabular statistics of Lodges given.

Treasurer's assets for the year, \$4,824.20; on hand, \$3,107.39; Charity Fund on hand, \$420.35.

Appended to the volume is a copy of Constitution and By-Laws.

M. W. Bro. George M. Hall, Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

VIRGINIA.

A Grand Annual Communication was held in the City of Richmond, 13th December, A. D. 1869. M. W. Bro. Wm. Terry, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is short, but full of kindly feeling and sound judgment. Amongst other things he says :

"In this utilitarian age, progress is the boast of the outside world. In the arts and sciences, in material development, in the science of government, the genius of man has accomplished much ; and in these, as living men of the age, we take a lively interest and greatly rejoice ; we participate in their benefits and enjoy their rewards, but as Masons it is our pride to follow the well-beaten track of our fathers—we seek no change or reforms, but give to those who follow us the moss-covered landmarks as we received them. It behooves us in those days of change, to see that we do not, in Masonry, fall into the spirit of the times, and be drifted upon the dangers which changes involve. It is our prerogative to confer favors, governed by the rules we establish for our own guidance. Masonry has the inherent right to protect itself not only against the introduction of new theories, but also against the admission of new elements which may disturb the peace and harmony of our Order."

He then alludes to the subject of recognizing colored organizations claiming to be Masons. He says :—

"I am induced to refer to this matter at this time, because it was mentioned to me during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and the enquiry made whether I was willing as Grand Master to receive and consider a petition from colored persons, claiming to be Masons, to allow their Lodges representation upon the floor of this Grand Lodge, provided that their representatives were duly recognized white brethren. I neither felt at liberty so far to commit this Grand Lodge as even to take the matter into consideration, nor was I willing in any manner to forestal your action. * * * To grant the right of representation in any form, or upon any conditions, is a clear recognition of their legal Masonic existence, and would be the entering wedge to a complete and final breaking down of all distinctions of race and color.

The Committee to which this was referred, say that a memorial had been presented by a committee claiming to act in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Virginia (colored), seeking recognition by this Grand Lodge. But the Committee rules, that if Masons at all, they are *illegally made Masons*, and cannot be recognized; and also that the feverish and excited condition of the public mind in reference to this subject was an additional reason why this Grand Lodge should carefully avoid any action which might tend to introduce confusion and disorder, where all is now harmony and peace.

There are yet five Lodges in West Virginia who still make returns to this Grand Lodge.

Amongst the resolutions passed during the session were the following:—

1. A candidate whose leg is amputated below the knee is not eligible, though replaced by an artificial one, however perfect.

2. That E. A.'s and F. C.'s are triable by the Lodge in which they were initiated or passed, the Lodge to be open in the degree to which they belong, but the M. M. Lodge to be resumed for deliberation and decision.

3. The Grand Lodge has not power to levy a tax for any purpose, other than to defray the expense of an economical administration; nor can it determine in what manner subordinate Lodges shall invest their funds.

The Grand Secretary reports receipt of proceedings of a great number of Grand Lodges—Canada amongst others—but there is no review.

M. W. Bro. Thomas F. Owens was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Dove, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

A special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at the Hall of Western Star Lodge in Guyandotte, Cabell County,

June 24th, 1869, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the State Normal School at Marshall College, as requested by the authorities thereof.

The Fifth Grand Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Wheeling, 9th November, A. D. 1869. M. W. Bro. Wm. J. Bates, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thomas H. Logan, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address—after fraternal greetings, and expatiating on the beauties and excellencies of the Order—gives a succinct statement of his actings. Dispensations for five new Lodges had been granted, and several dispensations for other things. A number of applications had been received for dispensations to admit candidates less or more maimed, all which he had refused. The attention of Grand Lodge is specially called to the matter of Grand Lodge of Louisiana *vs.* Grand Orient of France—also to the question of balloting for the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and to give an explicit interpretation of “eligibility”—whether *moral* standing and *proficiency* both were meant, or if *proficiency* only. He notices in a feeling manner the death of two prominent members of Grand Lodge, P. M. Bro. John Goshorn and P. M. Bro. William G. Battelle.

The Reports of the Grand Lecturer and D. D. G. Masters, give evidence of a fervent zeal to communicate, and an ardent desire to receive instructions in the *work*.

The Committee on Jurisprudence held that the ballot for the 2nd and 3rd degrees should refer only to *proficiency*—if objection taken to moral character, the matter to be tried.

In the case of Louisiana *vs.* France,—

“*Resolved*, That in common with our sister Grand Lodges in the United States, all correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of West Virginia and the Grand Orient of France cease and be discontinued until the said Grand Orient of France shall withdraw its recognition of the body styling itself ‘The Supreme Council for the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana.’ ”

The receipts for the year, \$1,279 ; paid out, \$1,038.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 39 Grand Lodges. Canada for 1869 receives fraternal notice. The report is from the pen of Bro. O. S. Long.

There are 36 subordinate Lodges, and 1,845 members.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin, convened in the city of Milwaukee, June 8th, A. D. 1869.

M. W. Bro. Harlow Pease, Grand Master ; and R. W. Bro. William T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address, after a short preamble, announced the demise of P. G. M. and P. G. Secretary, Bro. William Smith who died August, 1868, at the advanced age of 83, "like a shock of corn fully ripe, he was gathered to his fathers in the harvest of eternity." He was Master of the first Lodge chartered in the territory of Wisconsin, had been two years G. M., and ten years Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge. On retiring from office in 1858 he wrote the Grand Lodge a farewell letter, in his official capacity ; at the age of 72. He says,—“Never will I forget the body of “men whose companionship has rendered verdant so many “of the days of the winter of my life, nor while I have “health will I ever cease to implore the common Father to “have you in his tenderest keeping.” He then quotes a stanza sung in St. James’ Lodge, Tarbolton, Scotland, nearly 100 years ago :—

“A last request permit me here when yearly ye assemble a’
“One round—I ask it with a tear—to him *your friend* that’s far awa’.”

Grand Lodge adopted resolutions of respect, and appropriated \$300 for the erection of a suitable monument over his remains. The other parts of the address are devoted to

the consideration of local matters and an account of his own official acts.

By a memorial presented to Grand Lodge we find Wisconsin claims having the oldest mason living, namely, Bro. David Stiles, aged 103, he was made a mason in Toronto, Canada, December, 27th, 1797. The memorial was an application for pecuniary assistance and was responded to by the appropriation of \$200 from the Grand Lodge funds.

With regard to the matter of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana vs. Grand Orient of France, it was—

“Resolved, That all masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of the state of Wisconsin and the Grand Orient of France cease and be discontinued, and no mason owing allegiance to that Grand Body, or to any branch thereof within the state of Louisiana or elsewhere, be recognized as such in this jurisdiction, during the continuance of their interference with the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, or while they shall claim any rights of jurisdiction over any matter pertaining to the symbolic degrees of masonry in this country.”

We have elsewhere noticed that individual masons have to be aware of this unwarrantable edict.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge to have received and carefully examined the proceedings of forty Grand Lodges, Canada included. They do not review these proceedings, but they offer some remarks on a few of those matters which are amongst the leading topics of the day. They refer to the threatened disruption in the state of Kentucky, by a party attempting to form a new Grand Lodge, which they (the committee) justly (we think) condemn.

They observe an itching disposition among restless brethren to get up something like masonic assurance companies or mutual protection companies. On this they say:—

“The necessity does not exist to add to, or subtract anything from the institution—the ancient landmarks define its

purposes, they have been immutable for ages, and adherence and obedience thereto will accomplish all the purposes of the order."

They also advert to the subject of incorporation of Lodges, the discipline and increase of the order and physical disqualifications.

There are 176 chartered Lodges, their statistic columns are not added up but we think their M. M's. are about 8,500.

Funds in treasury besides receipts at the present communication, \$8,453.29.

M. W. Bro. Gabriel Bouck, was elected Grand Master and R. W. Bro. William T. Palmer, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Washington commenced in the City of Olympia, Sept. 16th, A. D. 1869. M. W. Bro. E. B. Lombard, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is chiefly devoted to local affairs. He notices in feeling terms the death of the W. and Rev. Bro. Charles Byles, to whose memory Grand Lodge devotes a memorial page.

The Grand Secretary gives in his report, which also refers to much that is only of local interest. He acknowledges receipt of the proceedings of a number of Grand Lodges, but says that no Committee on Foreign Correspondence was appointed last year, he does not know (?) whether it was to save expenses or not, but concludes that Grand Lodge is not unfortunate in the omission. We are sorry Bro. Secretary Reed has not explained himself better on this point, expressing himself so dubiously might give rise to many curious queries. Why did he let the Grand Lodge forget the appointment last year? What misfortune has she evaded by the omission? What expense would have attended the *appoint-*

ing of a Committee? He has got the correspondence himself, but how are his subordinate Lodges to get them? Or does he hold to the old axiom that "ignorance is the mother of devotion?" and so on, perhaps he will explain himself at some future period. He (the Grand Secretary) refers to the late trouble in Kentucky and says that from present indications it was likely to fall *still-born*. He also alludes to the Louisiana affair, and adheres to the decision of the G. Lodge of New York. He says a dispute between New York and Hamburgh Lodge is still unsettled.

There are 15 Chartered Lodges, and 351 members. Receipts \$1,945.20; balance on hand, \$141.50.

M. W. Bro. William H. Troup, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Our labors have come to a close, and our review, with all its faults, is before you. In passing your criticism, if you bear in mind that the short summary now in your hands is culled from *eight thousand pages*, you will not be surprised if you find much imperfection. In the many sublime addresses, beautiful orations, wise decisions, harmonious meetings, and sound deliberations which it has been our privilege to read in the volumes we have gone over, our whole trouble has been *keeping out* rather than *putting in*, and if we have succeeded in extracting anything good and useful, we know we have left as good behind.

Where we have introduced any remarks of our own, we beg leave to assure those who may differ from us that they are made in a fraternal spirit, and that we accord the same freedom of thought to them which we claim for ourselves. In the volumes we have perused, we find much that proclaims—at first sight—that Masons are no better than other men, but when we reflect that we have been reading a year's history of half a million of the fallen sons of Adam, and they under the strict surveillance of six thousand vigilance committees, each committee the executive of a stringent code of

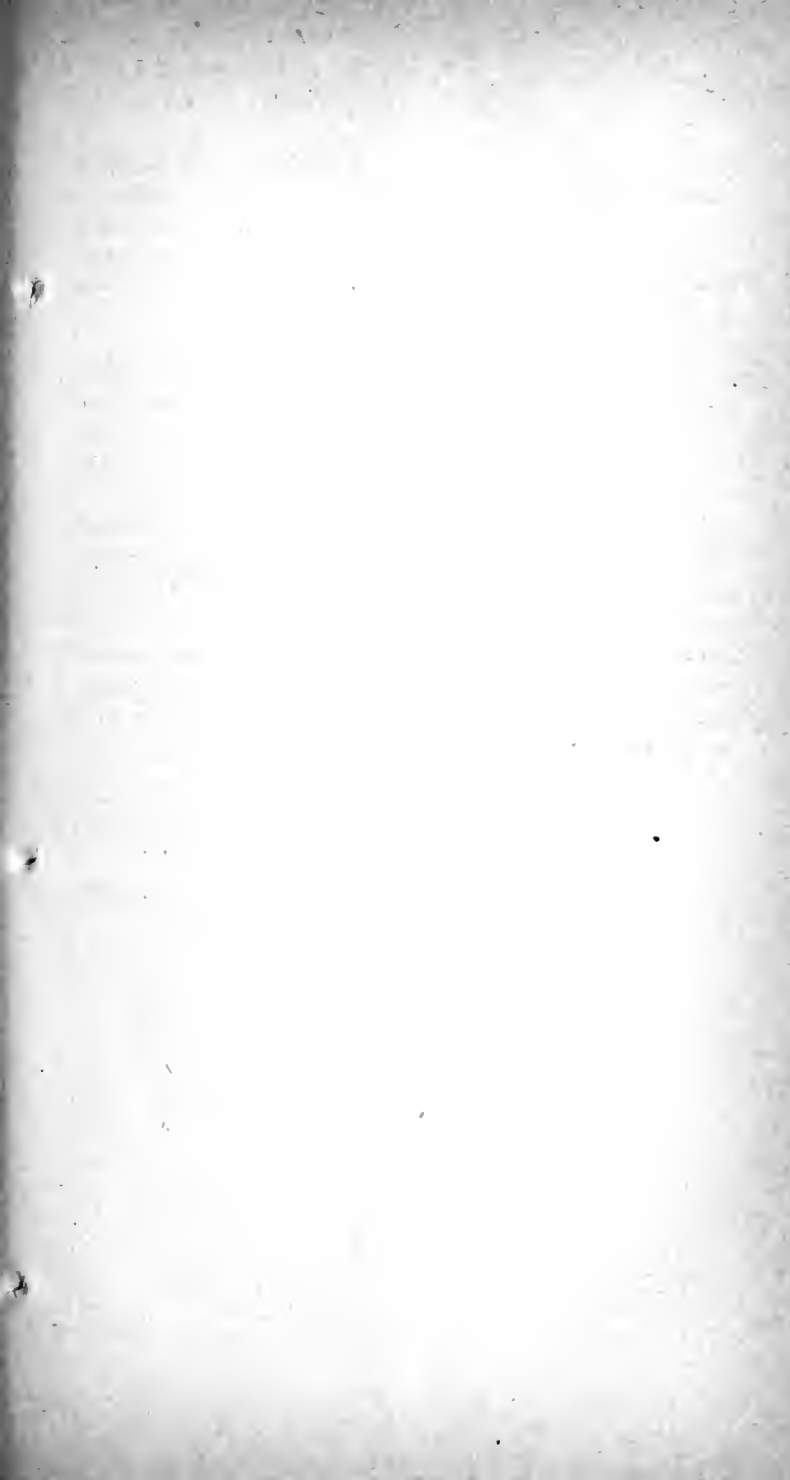
laws, founded on stern justice, with precious little of the element of mercy, and every *false step* carefully registered; if we had the same chance of examining the conduct of the *same number* of other men, we would be forced to exclaim—"Hail! glorious Masonry, that ever makes us great and free!!"

Let us nevertheless still press onward and upward, remembering that each of us are now in the quarry preparing ourselves as living stones for the spiritual Temple, and will soon have to present our stone with our own distinctive mark upon it. Let us carefully attend to our *trestle-board*, and apply our tools; we have our chisel and mallet to break off the rough corners, our compass to keep our passions within due bounds, the square of virtue to square our actions, the plumb-line of sincerity to balance them, the Golden Rule to measure them, and the *chief corner stone* for our pattern; and when, on the Level of time, we go home with our work, may stone answer stone, and joint answer joint, and no rotten stone be thrown over the wall. *So mote it be.*

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD MITCHELL,

Chairman Committee For. Cor



GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

R. W. Bro. THOMAS B. HARRIS, *Grand Secretary, in account with Grand Lodge. Moneys received from the 1st January to 31st December, 1869.*

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
—	Antiquity, Montreal...	48 00	61	Acacia, Hamilton....	94 00
1	Prevost, Dunham.....	50 00	62	St. Andrew's, Caledonia	127 50
2	Niagara, Niagara.....	36 25	64	Kilwinning, London..	75 25
3	St. John's, Kingston...	119 25	66	Durham, Newcastle...	32 21
4	Dorchester, St. Johns'..	35 75	67	St. Francis, Richmond	48 25
5	Sussex, Brockville.....	40 00	68	St. John's, Ingersoll..	60 00
6	Barton, Hamilton.....	101 75	69	Stirling, Stirling.....	56 75
7	Union, Grimsby.....	29 50	71	Victoria, Sherbrooke..	45 25
8	Nelson, Philipsburg...	42 00	72	Alma, Galt.....	68 25
9	Union, Napanee.....	83 25	73	St. James', St. Mary's.	58 00
10	Norfolk, Simcoe.....	114 25	74	St. James, Maitland...	24 00
11	Moir, Belleville.....	27 50	75	St. John's, Toronto...	115 50
12	Golden Rule, Stanstead	48 35	76	Oxford, Woodstock....	35 50
14	True Briton's, Perth...	20 60	77	Faithful Bre'n, Lindsay	43 50
15	St. Georges, St. Catharines	85 25	78	King Hiram, Tilsonbrg	25 50
16	St. Andrew's, Toronto..	52 00	79	Simcoe, Bradford.....	35 50
17	St. John's, Cobourg....	25 75	80	Albion, Newbury	49 66
18	Prince Edward's, Picton	72 00	81	St. John's, Mt. Brydges	37 00
19	St. George's, Montreal.	59 75	82	St. John's, Paris	64 00
20	St. John's, London.....	53 00	83	Beaver, Strathroy....	48 75
22	King Solomon's, Toronto	131 75	86	Wilson, Toronto.....	149 00
23	Richmond, Richmond Hill	60 75	87	Mark Union, Markham	32 00
25	Ionic, Toronto.....	27 75	88	St. George's, Owen Sound	53 50
26	Ontario, Port Hope....	54 45	90	Manito, Collingwood.	45 25
27	St. Ots'svance, Hamilton	93 00	91	Colborne, Colborne...	73 33
28	Mount Zion, Kemptville	23 75	92	Cataraqui, Kingston..	121 75
29	United, Brighton.....	51 25	93	North'n Lt, Kincardine	37 49
30	Composite, Whitby....	78 75	94	St. Mark's, Pt. Stanley	55 50
31	Jerusalem, Bowmanville	65 25	95	Ridout, Otterville....	6 25
32	Amity, Dunnville.....	54 00	96	Corinthian, Barrie ...	53 00
35	St. John's, Cayuga.....	6 75	97	Sharon, Sharon.....	22 00
36	Welland, Fonthill.....	26 60	98	True Bine, Albion....	7 25
37	King Hiram, Ingersoll.	54 50	99	Tuscan, Newmarket..	39 50
38	Trent, Trenton.....	33 25	100	Valley, Dundas.....	32 25
39	Mount Zion, Brooklin..	43 00	101	Corinthian, Peterboro'	17 50
40	St. John's, Hamilton...	70 75	103	Maple Leaf, St. Catharines	94 75
41	St. George's, Kingsville	110 75	104	St. John's, Norwichville	22 00
42	St. George's, London...	67 00	105	St. Mark's, Dr'mondville	53 00
43	King Solomon's, Woodk	66 25	106	Burford, Burford.....	29 25
44	St. Thomas, St. Thomas	28 00	107	St. Paul's, Lambeth...	35 00
45	Brant, Brantford.....	63 00	108	Blenheim, Drumbo...	17 00
46	Wellington, Chatham..	123 50	109	Albion, Harrowsmith.	27 25
47	Great Western, Windsor	54 75	110	Central, Prescott.....	52 75
49	Harington, Quebec....	40 19	112	Maitland, Goderich...	100 50
50	Consecon, Consecon...	52 25	113	Wilson, Waterford...	81 00
51	Corinthian, Grahamville	5 25	114	Hope, Port Hope.....	82 25
53	Sheffield, Waterloo....	37 25	115	Ivy, Smithville.....	7 00
54	Vaughan, Maple.....	40 75	116	Cassia, Widder.....	23 00
56	Victoria, Sarnia.....	33 25	117	Stanbridge, Stanbridge	40 50
57	Harmony, Binbrook...	13 50	118	Union, Lloydtown....	2 50
58	Doric, Ottawa.....	86 48	119	Maple Leaf, Bath....	12 50
59	Corinthian, Ottawa....	10 00	120	Warren, Fingal.....	29 55

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121	Doric, Brantford.....	79 75	179	Bothwell, Bothwell....	45 50
122	Renfrew, Renfrew.....	13 00	180	Speed, Guelph.....	85 50
123	TheBelleville,Belleville	34 75	181	Oriental, Port Burwell..	42 00
124	Montreal Kilwinning..	138 00	182	Tuscan, Levis.....	38 00
125	Cornwall, Cornwall....	57 00	183	Prince Albert, Prin. Alb.	34 75
126	Golden Rule, Cam'bs'ld	24 50	184	Old Light, Lucknow...	55 00
127	Franck, Frankford.....	28 50	185	Enniskillen, York.....	30 41
128	Pembroke, Pembroke..	3 50	186	Plantagenet, Plantag'n't	12 50
129	The Rising Sun, Aurora	22 60	187	RoyalCanad'n,Sweetsb'g	32 50
130	Yamaska, Granby.....	21 25	188	Ascot, Lennoxville....	41 50
131	St.Lawrence,Southm't'n	22 00	189	FiliusVidue, Ad'lphus'n	28 50
133	Leban. For., Franceton	32 00	190	Belmont, Belmont.....	24 75
134	Shawenegam, Th Rivers	41 06	191	Ashlar, Coaticook.....	50 75
135	St. Clair, Milton.....	54 50	192	Orillia, Orillia.....	20 00
136	Richardson, Stouffville.	33 25	193	Scotland, Scotland.....	27 25
137	Pythagoras, Meaford...	20 75	194	Petrolia, Petrolia.....	53 50
138	Aylmer, Aylmer, P. Q..	48 75	195	The Tasean, London...	9 50
139	Lebanon, Oshawa.....	55 50	196	Madawaska, Arnprior..	16 50
140	Malahide, Aylmer, Ont.	30 25	197	Saugeen, Walkerton...	23 00
141	Tudor, Mitchell.....	26 25	198	White Oak, Oakville...	89 25
142	Excelsior, Morrisburgh.	30 00	199	Frelighsburgh,Frel'gh	10 00
143	Friendly Brothers, Iroq.	88 50	200	St.Albans, Mount Forest	62 41
144	Tecumseh, Stratford...	44 50	201	Leeds, Gananoque.....	29 50
145	J. B. Hall, Milbrook...	42 25	202	Mount Royal, Montreal.	19 75
146	Prince of Wales, Newb'g	53 25	203	Irvine, Elora.....	70 75
147	Mississippi, Almonte...	43 00	204	Doric, Danville.....	102 25
148	Civil Service, Ottawa...	71 50	205	NewDomin.,New Ham'g	49 50
149	Erie, Port Dover.....	68 75	207	Lancaster, Lancaster...	12 00
150	Hastings, Hastings....	25 25	208	Chateauguay, Hunting'n	72 00
151	TheGrand River,Berlin.	101 23	209	Evergreen, Lanark....	52 31
152	Clarenceville, Clar'ville	24 90	210	Hawkesbury,Hawkesb'y	33 00
153	Burns, Wyoming.....	30 00	211	Brome Lake, Knowlton	45 25
154	Irving, Lucan.....	9 50	212	Elysian, Garden Island.	66 75
155	Peterborough,Peterboro'	41 25	213	Dominian, Ridgeway...	30 00
156	York, Eglinton.....	35 00	214	Craig, Ailsa Craig.....	99 25
157	Simpson,, Newboro'....	48 75	215	Lake, Roblin's Mills...	33 00
158	Alexandra, Oil Springs.	26 00	216	Harris, Orangeville....	86 75
160	Quebec Garrison,Quebec	73 10	217	Frederick,Fredericksb'g	30 00
161	Percy, Warkworth.....	37 00	218	Stevenson, Toronto....	30 00
162	Forest, Wroxeter.....	29 60	U. D. Credit, Georgetown..	20 00	
163	Browne, West Farnham	42 75	U. D. Zeredatha, Uxbridge..	20 00	
164	Star in the East,Well'ton	24 50	U. D. Mountain, Thorold...	20 00	
165	Burlington, Wel. Square	28 50	U. D. Marmora, Marmora...	30 00	
166	Wentworth, Stoney Cr'k	13 25	U. D. Norwood, Norwood..	20 00	
167	Royal Albert, Montreal.	37 75	U. D. Zurich, Zurich.....	20 00	
168	Merritt, Welland.....	24 50	U. D. Bernard, Listowel...	20 00	
169	Macnab, Port Colborne.	45 35	Constitutions.....	5 90	
170	Britannia Seaforth....	60 75	Proceedings.....	1 25	
171	Prince of Wales, Iona..	10 75	R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe...	1 00	
172	Ayr, Ayr.....	22 00	" " G. M. Wilkinson	1 00	
173	Victoria, Montreal.....	34 50	" " J. K. Kerr.....	1 00	
174	Walsingham, Pt. Rowan	86 50	" " M. H. Spencer...	6 00	
175	St. John's, Mansonville.	79 86	Certificate.....	1 00	
176	Spartan, Sparta.....	22 50			
177	The Builders', Ottawa...	53 00			
178	Plattsville,Plattsville..	65 00			

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CASH STATEMENT.

Moneys received by Grand Secretary from Lodges, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, from 1st Jan 1869, to 31st Dec., 1869.

1869.		1869.		Cr.	
Dec. 31.—	Amount rec'd from Lodges as per Cash Book \$9,666 33	January	6.—	By Paid Grand Treasurer,	\$650 00
"	"	"	9.—	"	380 00
"	"	"	15.—	"	400 00
"	"	Feb'y	17.—	"	300 00
"	"	"	27.—	"	513 30
"	"	March	4.—	"	110 50
"	"	"	15.—	"	92 35
"	"	"	23.—	"	138 00
"	"	April	3.—	"	235 00
"	"	"	7.—	"	82 00
"	"	"	30.—	"	184 50
"	"	June	4.—	"	200 00
"	"	"	19.—	"	210 00
"	"	"	24.—	"	179 00
"	"	"	28.—	"	400 00
"	"	"	30.—	"	317 00
"	"	"	30.—	"	511 75
July	24.—	"	"	"	1,850 00
August	13.—	"	"	"	400 00
Sept.	3.—	"	"	"	300 00
October	5.—	"	"	"	200 00
"	9.—	"	"	"	150 00
"	30.—	"	"	"	154 00
Dec'ber	16.—	"	"	"	242 00
"	22.—	"	"	"	306 00
"	30.—	"	"	"	600 00
"	31.—	"	"	"	577 99
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RECAPITULATION.

For Certificates	\$2,627 00
" Dues	4,420 40
" Fees	1,585 50
" Dispensations	431 00
" Warrants	140 00
" Constitutions	430 97
" Proceedings	48 61
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Audited and found correct.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman Sub Committee.*

RENEVOLENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Dr. The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer. Cr.

1869.	\$	cts.	1869.	\$	cts.
To balance	9,486	41	Jan'y 2—By balance per account rendered.....	8,625	14
			July 24—" 10 per cent. of Receipts for 1868.....	861	27
				<hr/>	
				\$9,486	41

SIMCOE, 29th January, 1870.

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HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in account current with the Gore Bank, Simcoe Branch

DR.

	1869.		Am't.	Days.	Int.
July	18—To	Check No. 54	\$288 80	88	2 79
	19—	" " " 49	40 00		
	19—	" " " 50	50 00		
	19—	" " " 51	20 00	87	1 04
	25—	" " " 60	7 31		
	25—	" " " 61	7 63		
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	25—	" " " 64	19 95		
	25—	" " " 65	100 00	81	5 24
	27—	" " " 58	14 74	79	0 13
Mar.	1—	" " " 37	20 00		
	1—	" " " 52	20 00		
	1—	" " " 57	190 00	77	1 95
	4—	" " " 40	30 00		
	4—	" " " 47	20 00		
	4—	" " " 48	20 00		
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	5—	" " " 55	500 00	72	3 96
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	9—	" " " 44	20 00		
	9—	" " " 46	20 00	63	0 56
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	11—	" " " 59	12 65	66	0 12
	17—	" " " 35	50 00		
	17—	" " " 53	50 00	64	0 70
	18—	" " " 41	30 00	63	0 22
	30—	" " " 36	100 00		
	30—	" " " 45	25 00	51	0 70
April	5—	" " " 68	300 00	46	1 51
	14—	" " " 38	30 00	37	0 12
	19—	" " " 66	150 00	32	0 52
	21—	" " " 69	25 00	25	0 07
	28—	" " " 70	25 00	19	0 96
May	5—	" " " 71	20 00	11	0 02
		Balance of Interest			80 70
					<u>\$106 65</u>
		Balance	\$5,674 88		
		Total	<u>\$8,836 04</u>		

GORE BANK, SIMCOE, 13th May, 1869.

E. E.

Audited and found correct.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in account current with the Gore Bank, Simcoe Branch.

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1869.			Am't.	Days.	Int
Jan.	5—	By Balance of account rendered			
		4th January, 1869.....	\$4,949 70	136	73 74
	7—	" Deposited by H. Groff, G. Tr.	650 00	129	8 12
	12—	" " " "	380 00	124	5 17
	16—	" " " "	400 00	120	5 28
Feb.	18—	" " " "	300 00	88	2 90
Mar.	1—	" " " "	513 30	77	4 12
	5—	" " " "	110 50	72	0 88
	16—	" " " "	92 35	65	0 66
	24—	" " " "	138 00	57	0 89
April	5—	" " " "	235 00	46	1 21
	6—	" " " "	720 00	45	3 28
	8—	" " " "	82 00	43	0 40
May	13—	" " " "	184 49		
		Balance of Interest.....	80 70		
					<u>\$106 65</u>

\$8,836 04

By Balance brought down..... \$5,674 88

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, *Manager.*

JAMES SEYMOUR, *P. B. G. P.*

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in account current with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Simcoe.

1869.		DR.		Am't.	Days.	Interest.
July	9—To	Check No.	73	\$ 25 00		\$
	9—	"	76	40 00	175	1 55
	21—	"	77	500 00	163	11 16
	26—	"	80	25 00		
	26—	"	74	25 90	138	0 90
Aug.	4—	"	101	25 00		
	4—	"	119	30 00	149	1 11
	5—	"	114	40 00	148	0 81
	6—	"	108	20 00		
	6—	"	115	25 00		
	6—	"	116	20 00		
	7—	"	102	50 00		
	7—	"	103	20 00		
	7—	"	124	15 00	146	2 19
	9—	"	104	50 00		
	9—	"	92	30 00		
	9—	"	79	200 00		
	9—	"	106	40 00		
	9—	"	121	50 00		
	9—	"	129	100 00		
	9—	"	130	8 15		
	10—	"	89	25 00		
	11—	"	105	100 00		
	11—	"	127	25 00	142	12 21
	13—	"	95	40 00		
	13—	"	96	50 00		
	13—	"	97	50 00		
	13—	"	100	30 00		
	13—	"	109	20 00		
	13—	"	122	20 00	140	4 03
	18—	"	90	25 00		
	18—	"	118	20 00		
	18—	"	110	100 00		
	18—	"	107	25 00		
	18—	"	117	25 00	135	3 58
	19—	"	123	25 00		
	20—	"	80	7 00		
	20—	"	126	20 00		
	24—	"	93	20 00		
	24—	"	99	20 00		
	27—	"	98	25 00	127	2 20
Sept.	2—	"	81	3 00		
	2—	"	82	24 85		
	2—	"	81	50 00		
	2—	"	87	20 00		
	2—	"	88	100 00		
	2—	"	120	50 00		
	2—	"	131	23 20	119	4 41
	13—	"	125	25 00		
	15—	"	128	25 00		
	17—	"	83	40 00		
	18—	"	91	30 00		
	30—	"	85	11 65		
	30—	"	86	7 10	104	1 98
Oct.	12—	"	111	25 00		
	13—	"	132	200 00	78	3 16
	30—	"	"	25 00	61	0 20
Nov.	20—	"	"	40 00	40	0 21
	27—	"	"	25 00	33	0 11
Dec.	23—	"	"	40 00	8	0 05
Jan.	3—	"	"	53 46		
	3—	"	"	300 00		
	3—	"	"	110 00		
Balance of Interest.....						197 51
Balance						\$247 46

\$13,019 97

SIMCOE, Jan'y 29th, 1870.

T. G. GROFF, *Ledger Keeper.* E. E.
Audited and found correct.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in account current with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Simcoe.

1869.		CR.	Am't.	Days.	Interest.
July 9—	By bal. per acct. rendered.....		\$7,374 47	181	\$182 70
26—	" deposited by H. Groff, G. Treas.....		1,850 00	153	39 86
Sept. 2—	" " " "		400 00	119	6 54
4—	" " " "		200 00	117	4 82
Oct. 7—	" " " "		200 00	84	2 31
11—	" " " "		150 00	80	1 65
16—	" " " "		720 00	75	7 44
Nov. 1—	" " " "		154 00	59	1 25
Dec. 17—	" " " "		242 00	14	0 47
23—	" " " "		306 00	8	0 36
31—	" " " "		648 00		
31—	Balance of interest.....		197 51		
1870.					
Jan. 2—	" Deposited by H. Groff.....		571 99		

\$247 46

\$13,019 97

By Balance.....	\$9,701 56
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HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman Sub-Committee.*

Dr. *The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada in account current with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Simcoe.* Cr.

1869.		Am't.	Days.	Int't.
July 2—To Check No. 75		\$300 00		
Balance		7,274 47		
May 17—By Gore Bank		\$5,674 88	44	32 83
7— " Dep. H. Groff		200 00	23	0 60
21— " " "		210 00	9	0 23
26— " " "		179 00	4	0 08
29— " " "		400 00		
30— " " "		48 00		
— " Interest on account		33 74		
July 2— " Dep. H. Groff		317 00		
3— " " "		511 85		
				<u>\$33 74</u>

\$7,574 47

By balance bearing interest
at 5 per cent.....\$7,274 47

HENRY GROFF, Agent.

E. E.

Audited and found correct.

JAMES SEYMOUR, P. B. G. P.

Canadian Bank of Commerce, }
Simcoe, 3rd July, 1869. }

MASONIC ASYLUM TRUST FUND.

Dr. *The Asylum Trust Fund Committee in account with the Bank of Montreal, Toronto.* Cr.

1869.		1869.	
	\$ cts.		\$ cts.
July 3—To balance per account rendered.....	137 01	—By balance.....	281 01
Oct. — “ Dept. by Asylum Committee.....	144 00		
	<u>\$281 01</u>		<u>\$281 01</u>

SINCOE, 29th January, 1870.

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct

MASONIC ASYLUM TRUST FUND.

Dr. *The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada in account with the Asylum Trust Fund Committee.* Cr.

1869.		1869.	
	\$ cts.		\$ cts.
—To balance	5,081 01	Jan'y 2—By balance per account rendered.....	4,793 01
		April 7— “ 6 mos. interest on \$4,800, Dom. Stock..	144 00
		Oct. 18— “ “ “ “ “ “ ..	144 00
	<u>\$5,081 01</u>		<u>\$5,081 01</u>

SINCOE, 29th January, 1870.

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.

1869.	Dr.	\$	cts.
	To paid orders of the President Board of General Purposes on Grand Treasurer, as follows, viz.:		
Feb. 18—No.	54, Expenses and mileage Board of General Purposes, 9th and 10th February	288	80
25—	“ 60, Grand Treasurer, Postages, &c	7	31
25—	“ 61, G. Secretary, for Freemasons Magazine..	7	63
25—	“ 62, “ “ Bal. of Con't. Expenses.	56	48
25—	“ 63, “ “ Assistant Secretary	150	00
25—	“ 64, “ “ Travelling ex. at B.G.P.	19	95
25—	“ 65, “ “ Contingent expenses ..	100	00
27—	“ 58, W. Brown & Co., for stationery, &c	14	74
March 1—	“ 57, R. Haigh, binding	190	00
4—	“ 56, T. & R. White, printing	555	00
4—	“ 67, T. & R. White, printing	135	00
5—	“ 55, W. C. Chewitt & Co., “ certificates, &c.,	500	00
11—	“ 59, W. Reid & Co., coal	16	25
April 5—	“ 68, Grand Secretary for quarter's salary	300	00
13—	“ 66, R. Haigh, binding Constitutions	150	00
July 2—	“ 75, Grand Secretary, for quarter's salary	300	00
Aug. 3—	Transferred to Ben. In. Acc't, 10 p. c. of repts, 1868	861	27
3—	“ Benevolent Fund (current account)	500	00
3—	Members of Board expenses B. M.	500	00
9—	No. 79, W. C. Chewitt & Co., Certificates	200	00
9—	“ 130, Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery	8	15
20—	“ 80, R. Haigh, binding	7	00
Sept. 2—	“ 81, Phillips & Robertson, packing case	3	00
2—	“ 82, G. Sec., travelling expenses to B. meet'gs	24	85
2—	“ 84, “ “ donation Palestine Explorat'n fund	50	00
2—	“ 88, “ “ contingent expenses of office	106	00
2—	“ 131, “ “ sundry contingent expenses	23	20
2—	“ 87, A. DeGrassi, expenses of special visits to Lodges No. 13 and 98	20	00
17—	“ 83, W. M. Aylmer Lodge, expenses of funerals of deceased Brethren	40	00
30—	“ 85, R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, expenses of special visit to Lodge No. 117	11	65
30—	“ 86, R. W. Bro. M. H. Spencer, special visits to Lodge No. 13	7	10
Oct. 6—	“ 132, Grand Secretary, one quarter's salary	300	00
1870.			
Jan. 3—	“ 136, “ “ “ “ “ “	300	00
3—	“ 78, Pres. of Board, bal. expenses B. meetings	53	46
3—	“ 137, G. Sec., contingent expenses of 1869	110	00
1869.			
July 8—	“ 76, T. & R. White, rent	40	00
	Balance	24,936	47
		\$30,887	31

SIMCOE, 2nd January, 1870.

Audited and found correct,

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GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.

1869.	Cr.	\$ cts.
Jan. 3—	By balance at credit of this account as rendered and audited	21,203 83
7—	" dep'ted in B'k Com. by G. Sec. to credit G. Treas.	650 00
9—	" " " " " "	380 00
15—	" " " " " "	400 00
17—	" " " " " "	300 00
27—	" " " " " "	513 30
March 4—	" " " " " "	110 50
13—	" " " " " "	92 35
23—	" " " " " "	138 00
April 3—	" " " " " "	235 00
8—	" " " " " "	82 00
May 13—	" " " " " "	184 59
June 4—	" " " " " "	200 70
19—	" " " " " "	210 00
24—	" " " " " "	179 00
28—	" " " " " "	400 00
30—	" " " " " "	317 00
July 2—	" " " " " "	511 75
24—	" " " " " "	1,850 00
Aug. 30—	" " " " " "	400 00
Sept. 3—	" " " " " "	300 00
Oct. 5—	" " " " " "	200 00
7—	" " " " " "	150 00
30—	" " " " " "	154 00
Dec. 16—	" " " " " "	242 00
22—	" " " " " "	306 00
30—	" " " " " "	609 00
31—	" " " " " "	577 99

\$30,887 31

By balance \$24,936 47

E. HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*
HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman Sub Com.*

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—(Current Fund.)

Dr. *The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in account with HENRY GROSS, Grand Treasurer.* Cr.

1869.		1869.	
To paid orders of the President Board of General Purposes on the Grand Treasurer as follows:		\$	cts.
Jan. 9—	" 73 Mrs. H. W.	25	00
Feb. 18—	No. 51 Mrs. F.	20	00
18—	" 49 Miss S.	10	00
18—	" 50 Mrs. P.	50	00
Mar. 1—	" 37 Mrs. W.	20	00
1—	" 52 Mrs. D.	20	00
4—	" 40 Mrs. C.	30	00
4—	" 47 Mrs. F.	20	00
4—	" 48 Mrs. C.	20	00
9—	" 42 Mrs. J.	20	00
9—	" 43 Bro. J. G.	25	00
9—	" 41 Mrs. C.	20	00
9—	" 46 Mrs. H.	30	00
9—	" 53 Bro. W.	50	00
17—	" 35 Mrs. S.	50	00
18—	" 41 Mrs. B.	20	00
30—	" 36 Mrs. MacD.	100	00
30—	" 45 Bro. C.	25	00
Apr. 13—	" 38 Mrs. B.	30	00
May 5—	" 71 Bro. C. G. B.	30	00
5—	" 70 Mrs. C.	35	00
5—	" 69 Mrs. G.	25	00
Aug. 3—	" 39 Mrs. M.	25	00
3—	" 74 Mrs. H. D.	25	00
4—	" 101 Mrs. L.	35	00
4—	" 119 Mrs. Q.	30	00
5—	" 114 Bro. J. R.	40	00
6—	" 108 Bro. C. B.	30	00
6—	" 115 Bro. J. G.	25	00
6—	" 116 Mrs. C.	20	00
7—	" 102 Mrs. F.	20	00
7—	" 103 Mrs. C.	20	00
		By Balance as per account rendered.....	
		Jan. 6— " 6 months' interest on Dominion Stock.....	
		Apr. 17— " " interest to date on Gore Bank deposit.....	
		May 17— " 6 months' interest on Co. Middlesex Debentures.....	
		30— " int. from 17th May on Can. Bank of Commerce acct.	
		July 24— " from General Fund.....	
		Oct. 18— " Receiver General, on Dominion Stock.....	
		Dec. 31— " 6 months' interest on Co. Middlesex Debentures.....	
		31— " interest on Canadian Bank of Commerce acct.....	
		\$	cts.
		720	73
		720	00
		48	00
		33	71
		560	00
		720	00
		48	00
		197	51

7—	" 124 Orphans of late Bro. T.	15 00
9—	" 92 Mrs. B.	20 00
9—	" 104 Mrs. Fitzk.	50 00
9—	" 106 Bro. J. D.	40 00
9—	" 111 Bro. G. W.	50 00
9—	" 129 Mrs. T. G. R.	100 00
10—	" 89 Mrs. W.	25 00
10—	" 17 Mrs. A.	25 00
11—	" 105 Montreal Board of Relief.	100 00
13—	" 95 Mrs. F.	40 00
13—	" 96 Mrs. A.	50 00
13—	" 97 Mrs. W.	50 00
13—	" 100 Mrs. N.	50 00
13—	" 101 Bro. J. B.	20 00
13—	" 122 Mrs. S.	20 00
18—	" 90 Mrs. T.	25 00
18—	" 107 Mrs. T.	25 00
18—	" 110 Toronto Benevolent Committee.	100 00
18—	" 117 Mrs. T.	25 00
18—	" 118 Mrs. I.	20 00
19—	" 123 Mrs. E.	25 00
20—	" 126 Mrs. J.	30 00
24—	" 93 Mrs. D.	20 00
24—	" 99 Mrs. P.	20 00
27—	" 98 Mrs. B.	25 00
Sept. 2—	" 120 Hamilton United Masonic Benevolent Fund.	50 00
13—	" 125 Mrs. B.	25 00
15—	" 128 Mrs. P.	25 00
18—	" 91 Miss S.	30 00
Oct. 13—	" 111 Bro. W. C.	25 00
30—	" 94 Mrs. G.	25 00
Nov. 20—	" 134 Mrs. G.	40 00
27—	" 112 Bro. J. K. M.	25 00
Dec. 23—	" 135 Bro. M.	40 00
	Balance.....	878 68
		<u>\$3,068 68</u>

SIMCOE, 2nd January, 1870.

E. F.

Audited and found correct.

By Balance..... \$3,068 68
HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*
HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman Sub-Committee.*

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, RENDERED 24th JUNE, 1870.

Lodges marked (*) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
-	*Antiquity Lodge..	Montreal....	First Thursday.....of every month	W. Br. J. Urquhart.	Bro. Richard Rowe.
1	*Prevost.....	Dunham....	Tuesday on or preceding full moon	<i>No return.</i>	
2	Niagara.....	Niagara....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Robert Best....	" John Best.
3	*St. John's.....	Kingston....	First Thursday.....	" John Kerr.....	" John M. Horsey.
4	*Dorchester.....	St. John's..	First Tuesday.....	" G. H. Wilkinson	" W. A. Osgood.
5	*Sussex.....	Brockville..	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	" W. McKechnie..	" W. A. Schofield.
6	Barton.....	Hamilton....	Second Wednesday.....	" Richard Brierley	" R. Kennedy.
7	Union.....	Grimby.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	" William Forbes	" J. N. Kitchen.
8	*Nelson.....	Phillipsburgh	Thursday on or before full moon..	" L. W. Decker...	" P. E. Luke.
9	*Union.....	Napanee....	Friday on or before full moon....	" F. Richardson..	" Charles James.
10	*Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" Wm. P. Kelly...	" Amos A. Merrill.
11	*Mora.....	Belleville..	Wednesday on or preceding f. m....	" A. Diamond....	" James Peard.
12	*Golden Rule.....	Stanstead...	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" R. C. Parsons...	" H. C. Hyatt.
14	*True Briton's.....	Perth.....	First Monday.....	<i>(No return.)</i>	
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" A. Chatfield.....	" Thos. E. Dudley.
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto....	Second Tuesday.....	" Geo. Hodgetts..	" J. H. Hickman.
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg....	Monday on or before full moon...	" A. J. Van Ingen	" George Pringle.
18	*Prince Edward's.....	Pictou.....	Thursday on or preceding f. m....	" John Terrill...	" Thos. Shannon.
19	*St. George's.....	Montreal....	Third Tuesday.....	" Wm. Mackenzie	" Thos. J. Barrett.
20	*St. John's.....	London.....	Second Tuesday.....	" M. D. Dawson..	" John H. Bell.
21	*Zetland.....	Montreal...	Second Thursday.....	" J. J. Browne...	" George Black.
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto....	Second Thursday.....	" D. McLellan...	" R. W. Purvis.
23	Richmond.....	Rich'm'd Hill	Monday on or before full moon...	" And. M. Hood..	" R. E. Law.
25	*Ionic.....	Toronto....	First Tuesday.....	" J. F. Lash.....	" W. M. Ross.
26	*Ontario.....	Port Hope...	Third Thursday.....	" Robert Nicholls	" S. C. B. Dean.
27	*Strict Observance.	Hamilton....	Third Tuesday.....	" W. W. Pringle..	" J. M. Gibson.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
28	*Mount Zion	Kemptville ..	Wednesday preceding full moon of every month	W. Br. Murdoch Gair	Bro. W. R. Anderson
29	*United	Brighton	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Joseph Davy..	" W. A. Mayhew
30	*Composite	Whitby	First Thursday	" C. A. Jones...	" A. Borrowman
31	*Jerusalem	Bowmanville ..	Wednesday on or before f. m.	" John Milne...	" Richard Reid
32	*Amity	Dunnville ..	Wednesday on or after f. m.	" M. C. Upper..	" C. S. E. Black
33	Goderich	Goderich	First Wednesday	" D. Ferguson..	" Wm. Dickson
34	*Thistle	Amherstburg ..	Tuesday before full moon	" Wm. McGuire	" John Conroy
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Thursday on or after full moon...	" John Hoshall..	" Joseph Hursell
36	Welland	Fonthill	Thursday on or before full moon.	" N. R. Holcomb	" J. C. Page
37	*King Hiram	Ingersoll	Tuesday on or before full moon ...	" J. R. Walker..	" Alex. Reid
38	*Trent	Trenton	Tuesday before full moon	" Chas. Francis.	" A. H. Wright
39	*Mount Zion	Brooklin ..	Tuesday on or preceding f. m.	" J. P. Campbell	" Jas. A. Maybee
40	*St. John's	Hamilton	Third Thursday	" T. B. Harris..	" A. Rutherford
41	*St. George's	Kingsville ..	Thursday on or before full moon...	" W. J. Malott.	" Jas. Greaves
42	*St. George's	London	First Wednesday	" W. Skinner..	" J. M. Longan
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock ..	Tuesday on or before full moon	" J. Paterson...	" B. McWhinnie
44	*St. Thomas.	St. Thomas..	First Thursday	" James Carrie..	" Albert Hutson
45	Biant	Brantford ..	Tuesday on or before full moon...	" H. M'K. Wilson	" W. C. Trimble
46	*Wellington	Chatham ..	Second Monday	" W. Carruthers.	" Chas. Dunlop
47	*Great Western	Windsor	Thursday on or before full moon...	" P. A. Craig ..	" Thos. Burnie
48	*Madoc	Madoc	Tuesday on or before full moon...	" B. H. Maybee.	" Jas. O'Hara, jr
49	*Harington	Quebec	Third Thursday	(No return.)	
50	*Consecon	Consecon	Friday on or before full moon	" J. M'G. Young	" Levi C. Bailey
51	*Corinthian	Grahamville..	Tuesday on or before full moon...	" Joseph Fligg..	" C. Burrell
53	*Shefford	Waterloo	First Monday	" John Erskine.	" Jno. Blackwood
54	*Vaughan	Maple	Tuesday on or before full moon...	" A. P. Conyer .	" Henry Hurst
55	*Mirickville	Mirickville ..	Tuesday after full moon	" D. Gwynne...	" P. Y. Merrich

56	Victoria	Sarnia	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	"	J. F. Lister...	"	Wm. Taylor
57	*Harmony	Binbrook	Monday after full moon	"	J. Brown, jr ..	"	Robt. H. Biggar
58	*Doric	Ottawa	First Wednesday	"	Jno. Sweetland	"	D. P. Williams
59	*Corinthian	Ottawa	Third Tuesday	"	E. C. Barber ..	"	Geo. L. Orme
60	*Hoyle	La Colle	Second Tuesday	"	T. Featherston	"	Jas. A. Hume
61	*Acacia	Hamilton	Fourth Friday	"	E. Mitchell....	"	R. M'N. Smith
62	*St. Andrew's	Caledonia	Wednesday on or before full moon.	"	C. Hunter	"	Thos. B. Howell
64	*Kilwinning	London	Third Thursday	"	J. R. Peet	"	C. T. Campbell
66	*Durham	Newcastle	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	"	R. T. Wilkins'n	"	M. W. Bayly
67	*St. Francis	Richmond	First Thursday	"	<i>No returns.</i>	"	I. B. Crawford
68	*St. John's	Ingersoll	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	Allan McLean.	"	R. Finch
69	Stirling	Stirling	Thursday after full moon	"	Chas. Craige..	"	
71	*Victoria	Sherbrooke ..	Second Tuesday	"	<i>(No returns.)</i>	"	
72	Alma	Galt ..	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	W. S. Burnett.	"	John Cavers
73	*St. James'	St. Mary's	First Monday	"	G. H. Marlatt.	"	C. L. VonGunth'n
74	*St. James'	Maitland	Monday nearest full moon	"	Wm. Dobbin ..	"	S. A. Horton
75	*St. John's	Toronto	First Monday	"	N. L. Steiner ..	"	John Erskine
76	*Oxford	Woodstock ..	Second Wednesday	"	E. A. R. Fauqu'r	"	Chas. L. Beard
77	*Faithful Brethren ..	Lindsay	First Thursday	"	A. Hudspeth..	"	Thos. Beall
78	*King Hiram	Tilsonburgh..	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	Thos. B. Bain ..	"	Thos. Ledue
79	Simcoe	Bradford	Thursday after full moon	"	H. S. Brought'n	"	S. H. Dewart
80	Albion	Newbury	First Tuesday	"	G. Mansfield ..	"	Andrew Wilson
81	*St. John's	Mt. Brydges..	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	G. Billington..	"	E. Handy
82	*St. John's	Paris	First Tuesday	"	W. Winter	"	D. N. Mitchell
83	*Beaver	Strathroy	Friday on or after f. m.	"	W. G. V'nStadin	"	Richard Baker
84	Clinton	Clinton	Friday on or after f. m.	"	D. M. Malloch ..	"	Geo. Chidley
85	Rising Sun	Farmersville..	Thursday nearest f. m.	"	D. Mansell....	"	J. H. Blackburn
86	*Wilson	Toronto	Third Tuesday	"	E. Robinson..	"	Jas. B. Nixon
87	Markham Union..	Markham	Friday on or before f. m.	"	Robt. Vardon ..	"	H. R. Corson ..
88	*St. George's	Owen Sound..	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	D. A. Creaser ..	"	Jas. Caten
90	*Manito	Collingwood..	Wednesday on or after f. m.	"	E. R. Carpenter	"	Arthur Moberly
91	*Colborne	Colborne	Friday on or before f. m.	"	C. R. Ford	"	A. Vars

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NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
92	*Cataqui	Kingston	Second Wednesday	" R. Hendry, Jun..	Bro. H. S. Minnes
93	*Northern Light...	Kincardine	Thursday on or after full moon ..	" Ross Robertson.	" Jas. LeGear
94	*St. Mark's	Port Stanley	Second Tuesday	" Sam'l Shepard..	" Wm. Hemphill
95	Ridout	Otterville	Thursday on or before full moon ..	" A. L. Wilcox...	" M. Durkee
96	*Corinthian	Barrie	Thursday on or before full moon ..	" Robert King....	" A. B. McPhee
97	*Sharon	Sharon	Thursday on or before full moon ..	" Henry Mosier...	" A. H. Willson
98	*True Blue	Albion	Friday on or before full moon	" R. H. Booth.....	" James Roberts
99	*Tuscan	Newmarket..	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	" E. Jackson.....	" P. S. Caldwell
100	Valley	Dundas	Friday on or before full moon	" N. Greening ..	" J. S. Baillie
101	*Corinthian	Peterboro'	Wednesday after full moon	" R. Kincaid	" W. N. Kennedy
103	*Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Thursday on or after full moon ..	" Robt. Struthers.	" J. A. Alexander.
104	St. John's	Norwichville	Wednesday after full moon	" J. Haken	" William Topham
105	St. Mark's	Drum'ndville	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	" George Collins..	" T. W. Woodruff
106	*Burford	Burford	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	" W. G. Nelles. .	" John Findlay
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Second Wednesday	" J. M. Banghart.	" D. B. Burch
108	Blenheim	Drumbo	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	" Jas. McKenzie..	" Robt. J. Mann
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	" Joseph Purdy...	" Schuyler Shibley
110	*Central	Prescott	First Tuesday	" Jas Reynolds...	" C. Moore
112	Maitland	Goderich	Second Tuesday	" Hugh Gardiner..	" Horace Horton
113	*Wilson	Waterford	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	" Aaron McMichael	" J. W. Green
114	*Hope	Port Hope	First Thursday	" John Wright....	" A. W. Pringle
115	*Ivy	Smithville	Tuesday on or after full moon ..	" Edward Irvine...	" Robt. Thompson
116	*Cassia	Widder	Monday on or before full moon ..	" A. S. Proctor...	" Thomas Caulan
117	*Stanbridge	Stanbridge..	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	(No returns.)	
118	Union	Schomberg ..	Monday on or before full moon ..	" H. G. Summers.	" John R. Boud
119	*Maple Leaf	Bath	Monday before full moon	" W. F. Peterson..	" John Belfour
120	Warren	Fingal	Second Thursday	" M. Campbell....	" George Glasgow

121	*Dorie	Brantford ...	Friday on or preceding full moon of	"	" John Spencer ...	" James P. Excell
122	*Renfrew	Renfrew ...	Tuesday nearest full moon	"	" T. B. Muir	" John Burns
123	*The Belleville	Belleville ...	First Thursday	"	" D. Pitcaethly ..	" John P. Thomas
124	*Montreal Kilwin'g	Montreal	Second Monday	"	(No returns.)	
125	*Cornwall	Cornwall	First Tuesday	"	" Henry W. Weber	" Chas. Pool
126	*Golden Rule	Campbellsfrd ..	Tuesday on or after full moon...	"	" H. A. Neil	" James Archer
127	*Franken	Frankford ...	Monday before full moon	"	" John N. Lee	" Reuben W. Scott
128	*Pembroke	Pembroke	Tuesday before full moon	"	" S. E. Mitchell ..	" Asher Ansell
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	Friday on or after full moon	"	" T. G. Ransom ..	" James Watson
130	*Yamaska	Granby	First Wednesday	"	" T. Amyrauld ...	" George Vittie
131	*St. Lawrence	Southampton ..	Second Tuesday	"	" R. A. Drake	" John Eastwood
133	*Lebanon Forest	Franceson ..	Monday on or before full moon...	"	" M. Eacrett	" A. D. Freeman
134	*Shawenagam	Three Rivers ..	Second Wednesday	"	" W. T. Rickaby ..	" John Godwin
135	*St. Clair	Milton	Thursday on or before full moon...	"	" W. H. Street	" J. D. Matheson
136	Richardson	Stouffville ...	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" Francis Bickford	" G. Fingle
137	*Pythagoras	Meaford	Friday on or after full moon	"	" Adoniram Burritt	" Robert R. Fulton
138	*Aylmer	Aylmer, P. Q. ...	Second Tuesday	"	" C. H. Church. . .	" C. W. Deegan
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	Second Tuesday	"	" John Boyd	" C. W. Smith
140	*Malahide	Aylmer, Ont. ...	Wednesday on or after full moon..	"	" S. S. Clutton	" Wm. Campbell
141	*Tudor	Mitchell	Tuesday on or before full moon...	"	" Ed. Hornibrook.	" D. H. Stewart
142	*Excelsior	Morrisburgh ..	Thursday on or before full moon...	"	" A. G. Macdonell	" Hiram Carman
143	*Friendly Brothers.	Iroquois	Wednesday before full moon	"	" Jas. Stephenson.	" John N. Tuttle
144	*Tecumseh	Straford	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" Thos. Winter ...	" A. R. Macfarlane
145	*J. B. Hall	Millbrook ...	Second Thursday	"	" Henry Turner ..	" Jacob Atkins
146	*Prince of Wales	Newburgh ..	Wednesday before full moon	"	" H. M. Wright	" W. A. Hope
147	Mississippi	Almonte	Friday on or before full moon...	"	" R. Watson	" O. E. Henderson
148	*Civil Service	Seat of Gov't. .	Second Tuesday	"	" Edwd. P. Remon	" John Walsh
149	Erie	Port Dover ..	Monday on or before full moon...	"	" J. V. Hoover	" H. H. Sovereign
150	*Hastings	Hastings	Thursday on or before full moon...	"	.....	" John Peters
151	The Grand River ...	Berlin	Tuesday on or before full moon...	"	Charles Hendry.	" J. S. Hoffman
152	Clarenceville	Clarenceville.	Third Thursday	"	(No returns.)	(No returns.)
153	*Burns	Wyoming ...	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" James McKay..	" H. G. Taylor

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154	Irving	Lucan	Thursday on or before full moon of every month	W. Br. James Sutton	Br Wm. Frank
155	Peterborough	Peterboro' ..	First Friday	" Wm. Cameron ..	" Geo Burnham, jr
156	York	Eglinton	Friday on or before f. m	" John Fisher ..	" J. Fitzallen Ellis
157	Simpson	Newboro' ..	Tuesday on or after f. m	" Thomas Camm ..	" A. W. Bell
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs ..	Thursday on or after f. m	" Wm. Smith	" Henry Brown
159	Goodwood	Richmond, O ..	First Tuesday	"	" John McLaren
160	Quebec Garrison ..	Quebec	First Monday	" Martin Winn	" H. G. Mead
161	Percy	Warkworth ..	Wednesday before f. m	" Israel Humphries	" R. P. Hurlbut
162	Forest	Wroxeter	Friday on or before f. m	" Ralph Hodgson ..	" A. Worthington.
163	Browne	Adamsville ..	Friday on or before f. m	" G. H. Kemp	" H. Bowker
164	Star in the East ..	Wellington ..	Tuesday on or before f. m	" H. McCullough ..	" Nathan'l Gordon
165	Burlington	Wellington Sq	Wednesday on or before f. m	" Wm. Kerns	" Robert Halson
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek ..	Monday on or before f. m	" Walter McKay ..	" E. B. Smith
167	Royal Albert	Montreal	First Wednesday	(No returns.)	
168	Merritt	Welland	Monday on or before f. m	" Sam. E. Hopkins	" John J. Sidey
169	Macnab	Port Colborne ..	Tuesday on or before f. m	" James R. Haun ..	" C. B. Nimmo
170	Britannia	Seaforth	Monday on or after f. m	" W. Ballantyne ..	" W. R. Counter
171	Prince of Wales ..	Iona	Friday on or after f. m	" A. E. S. K. Barclay	" Duncan Sinclair
172	Ayr	Ayr	Tuesday on or before f. m	" T. M. Anderson ..	" J. McK. Anderson
173	Victoria	Montreal	First Monday	" F. W. Campbell ..	" John H. Menzies
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan ..	First Thursday	" Chauncey Bennett	" Wm. Ross
175	St. John's	Mansonville ..	Wednesday before f. m	" L. C. Moor	
176	Sparta	Sparta	Monday on or before f. m	" Henry Kirkland	" F. A. Henderson
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	Second Friday	" David Wilson ..	" Wm. Rea
178	Plattsville	Plattsville ..	Friday on or before f. m	" Fred. Butcher ..	" R. J. Bourchier
179	Bothwell	Bothwell	Wednesday on or before f. m	" H. F. Smith	" N. H. Avery
180	Speed	Guelph	Second Tuesday	" Chas. Sharpe	" J. B. Thornton

181	Oriental	Port Burwell.	Tuesday on or before f. m. of every month.	"	S. Leybourne...	G. W. Hare
182	*Tuscan	Levis	First Thursday	"	(No returns.)	
183	Prince Albert	Prince Albert	Friday on or before f. m.	"	Abner Hurd, jr...	W. H. Browne
184	*Old Light	Lucknow ..	Thursday on or before f. m.	"	Robert L. Hunter	Wm. Kennedy
185	*Enniskillen	York	Monday on or before f. m.	"	A. W. Thompson	Asa R. Atkinson
186	*Plantagenet	Plantagenet	Monday on or before f. m.	"	W. Chamberlain.	J. Vanbrider
187	*Royal Canadian ..	Sweetsburgh.	Second Wednesday	"	C. H. Boright...	Curtis S. Boright
188	*Ascot	Lennoxville.	Monday on or before f. m.	"	(No returns.)	
189	*Filius Vidue	Adolphustown	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	E. H. Smith	J. J. Watson
190	Belmont	Belmont ..	Friday on or before f. m.	"	A. J. Thomson ..	Wm. D. Eckert
191	*Ashlar	Conticook ..	First Wednesday	"	Wright Sleeper ..	N. W. Thomas
192	*Orillia	Orillia	Friday on or after f. m.	"	Robert Ramsey ..	G. M. Wilson
193	*Scotland	Scotland ..	Monday on or before f. m.	"	T. O. Frouse	J. D. Eddy
194	*Petrolia	Petrolia ..	Second Wednesday	"	David Trotter	Octavius Prince
195	The Tuscan	London	First Monday	"	Alfred G. Smyth	S. Blackburn
196	*Madawaska	Arnprior ..	Thursday on or before f. m.	"	J. G. Cranston ..	A. Garrioch
197	*Saugeen	Walkerton ..	Second Tuesday	"	E. A. Healey	Hugh Davidson
198	White Oak	Oakville ..	Tuesday on or before f. m.	"	Wm. Robertson ..	E. R. Skelley
199	*Frelightsburg	Frelightsburgh	Monday on or before f. m.	"	G. R. Marvin	E. E. Spencer
200	St. Albans	Mount Forest	Friday on or before f. m.	"	W. W. Winfield ..	John McLaren
201	*Leeds	Gananoque ..	Tuesday on or before f. m.	"	William Byers ..	W. B. Carroll
202	*Mount Royal	Montreal ..	Second Tuesday	"	Charles Storer ..	John Robson
203	Irvine	Elora	Friday on or before f. m.	"	John Smith	Andrew Connell
204	*Doric	Danville	Wednesday on or before f. m.	"	(No returns.)	Jacob Leyler
205	New Dominion	New Hamb'g	Monday on or after full moon ..	"	G. B. Phillips	John S. Bowden
206	*North Gower	North Gower	First Monday	"	Rev D.P. Merritt	(No returns.)
207	*Lancaster	Lancaster ..	Second Wednesday	"	Alex. McGregor ..	A. G. Dobbie
208	Chateauguay	Huntingdon ..	Second Tuesday	"	(No returns.)	W. Earl Hayes
209	Evergreen	Lanark	First Tuesday	"	R. Pollock	W. H. O'Regan
210	*Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury.	First Wednesday	"	James W. Crate ..	G. F. Charles
211	*Brome Lake	Knowlton ..	First Wednesday	"	C. D. Smith	
212	*Elysian	Garden Island	First Monday	"	Robert Nancollas	

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213	Dominion	Ridgeway ..	Wednesday on or before f. moon of every month	W. Bro. J. N. Fulmer	Bro. Robert Ballour
214	Craig	Ailsa Craig ..	Monday on or after full moon.	" E. A. Mumford ..	" Wm. McIntosh
215	Lake	Ameliasburgh ..	Monday on or after full moon.	" I. Johnston	" John N. Sprague
216	Harris	Orangeville ..	First Tuesday	" S. H. McKittrick	" R. J. McKittrick
217	Frederick	Delhi.	Monday on or before full moon.	" Luke Cook	" G. W. Wood.
218	*Stevenson	Toronto	Second Monday	" W. C. Morrison ..	" Thomas Drewry
219	Credit	Georgetown ..	Friday on or before full moon.	" James M. Dunn ..	" J. S. Harley
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	Monday on or before full moon.	" G. H. Dartnell ..	"
221	Mountain	Thorold	Wednesday on or before full moon	" G. E. Bull	" Hugh James
222	Marmora	Marmora	Tuesday before every full moon ..	" W. E. Roxburgh.	" David Fitchett
223	Norwood	Norwood	Monday on or before full moon.	" William Garrick	" J. A. Butterfield
224	Zurich	Zurich	Friday on or before full moon.	" George Townner ..	" Robert Brown
225	Bernard	Listowel	Wednesday on or before full moon.	" P. B. Martin	" J. H. Halstead
226	Mount Moriah	Montreal	First Friday	" Earnest Racicot.	" James Reid
227	Sutton	Sutton Flatt.	Third Wednesday	" A. J. O'Loughlin	" E. A. Dyer
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	Monday after full moon	" Joseph A. Fife ..	" John K. Peeth
229	Ionic	Brampton	Wednesday on or before full moon	" J. W. H. Wilson	" J. B. Magurn
230	Kerr	Bell Ewart ..	Tuesday on or before full moon.	" D. S. Eastwood ..	" G. P. McKay
231	Lodge of Fidelity ..	Ottawa	Second Wednesday	" John Edgcombe.	" G. Levin
232	Cameron	Wallacetown.	Wednesday on or before full moon	" John Dawson ..	"
233	Doric	Park Hill ..	Tuesday on or before full moon.	" A. Mitchell	"
234	Beaver	Clarksburg ..	Tuesday on or before full moon.	" Robert Dick	"
235	Aldworth	Paisley	Friday on or before full moon ..	" T. C. Scholfield ..	"
236	Manitoba	Bondhead ..	Tuesday on or after full moon.	" S. Leybourne	" John Dean
237	Vienna	Vienna	Friday on or before full moon.	" J. A. Sommerville	"
238	Havelock	Watford ..	Tuesday before full moon	"	"

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John Savage.....	3 St. John's.....	November 19.....1869
W. J. Bain.....	5 Sussex.....	July 7....."
C. E. B. Haight.....	6 Barton.....	August 6.....1870
George Smith.....	9 Union.....	Jan. 2....."
John Chamberlain.....	10 Norfolk.....	July 5.....1869
G. Jackson.....	16 St. Andrew's.....	February 18.....1870
M. H. Foley.....	13 Prince Edward's.....	April 8....."
James Forneri.....	20 St. John's.....	September 5.....1869
Thomas Willing.....	22 King Solomon's.....	May 31.....1870
Henry Ingersoll Thorp.....	23 Richmond.....	November 30.....1869
Thomas Moore.....	30 Composite.....	December 2....."
Samuel H. Barton.....	32 Amity.....	August 12.....1870
Charles Smith.....	34 Thistle.....	August 22....."
Emanuel Pavey.....	37 King Hiram.....	July 16.....1869
John Jackson.....	40 St. John's.....	April 3.....1870
James Scott.....	43 King Solomon's.....	November 17.....1869
Joseph McConnell.....	46 Wellington.....	October 3.....1870
James Bain.....	47 Great Western.....	September 20.....1869
Amos Yager.....	57 Harmony.....	February 11.....1870
Barton Farr.....	58 Doric.....	March 28....."
William Darrach.....	59 Corinthian.....	July 17....."
George Brown.....	64 Kilwinning.....	December 18.....1869
P. J. Hindall.....	68 St. John's.....	May 14.....1870
Hugh Lamb.....	69 Stirling.....	August 5....."
Joseph Walton.....	73 St. John's.....	January 2....."
Charles E. Washburn.....	75 St. John's.....	September 11.....1869
W. Hutchinson.....	76 Oxford.....	December 31....."
G. F. Malcolmson.....	84 Clinton.....	November 4....."
John Bruce.....	85 Rising Sun.....	July 21.....1870
James Sewell.....	86 Wilson.....	January 16....."
James Sheriff.....	94 St. Mark's.....	May 30....."
W. L. Williamson.....	95 Ridout.....	August 21.....1869
W. S. Lunspeary.....	96 Corinthian.....	March 1.....1870
John Macdonald.....	100 Valley.....	November 18.....1869
James Reid.....	105 St. Mark's.....	May 5.....1870
Matthew Avid.....	108 Blenheim.....	February 27....."
W. Duck.....	109 Albion.....	July 17.....1869
A. McIntyre.....	121 Doric.....	August 9....."
Charles McCue.....	123 The Belleville.....	August 27....."
Robert McCrory.....		October 2....."
Joshua Lowe.....		May 31.....1870
W. Gibson.....		February 15....."
D. A. Sampson.....		March 6....."
Thomas Gundry.....		
Thomas Willing.....		
C. R. Turquand.....		
George W. Whitehead.....		
William Butcher.....		
Lorenzo D. Phillips.....		
Jonas J. Cole.....		
E. Sowden.....		
W. H. Mandeville.....		
Lachlin Sutherland.....		
Alvener H. Hamilton.....		
John Atkinson.....		
Frederick A. Lermitt.....		
William Willie.....		
H. H. James.....		
Samuel Pomeroy.....		
R. Gladden.....		
James Blacklock.....		
Barton S. Gilbert.....		

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Robert Bissett.....	123 Lebanon Forest..	June 231870
R. H. Foster.....	137 Pythagoras.....	September 27.....1869
Peter Gray	139 Lebanon	September 16 .....1870
John P. Lewis.....	146 Prince of Wales..	January....."
Worsley Ebbs.....	148 Civil Service....	August .....1869
Joseph T. McCuaig.....		December 12....."
Albert G. Cummer.....	149 Erie.....	December 15....."
Elisha B. Wilson.....		
Axford Bowlby.....	157 Simpson.....	December 22....."
James Elliott	165 Burlington	December 7....."
Robert Menzies.....	180 Speed	April 22 .....1870
John Jackson.....	181 Oriental	August 11.....1869
George Ault.....	183 Prince Albert.....	April 15.....1870
John H. Archer.....	189 Filius Viduæ.....	January 20....."
J. G. Clute.....	193 Scotland	August 15....."
Matthias Smith.....	194 Petrolia	June 21....."
John Orchard	213 Dominion.....	October 28 .....1869
Charles F. Wilkins.....	216 Harris.....	April 2 .....1870
Thomas Flad.....	229 Ionic.....	
George Wright.....		



SUSPENSIONS.—Unmaſonic Conduct.

- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, O.*
Charles P. Camp.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, O.*
William Purdy.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor, O.*
I. I. Maurer.
- No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon, O.*
S. B. Nethery.
- No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, O.*
Thomas Flesher.
- No. 92. *Cutaraqui Lodge, Kingston, O.*
James J. Whitehead.
- No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley, O.*
Samuel Kerr.
- No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder, Ont.*
William Dimond.
- No. 118. *Union Lodge, Lloydtown, O.*
Joseph T. Carson.
- No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, O.*
John Bosanko.
- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, O.*
John Burns, Henry Bricker.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, O.*
James L. Thompson.
- No. 172. *Ayr Lodge, Ayr, O.*
George Fach.

SUSPENSIONS.—Non-Payment of Dues.

- No. 1. *Prevost Lodge, Dunham.*
H. A. McGowan.
- No. 4. *Dorchester Lodge, St. Johns', P. Q.*
Alfred L. Nash, Rollo Marvin, Henry Chillingsworth,
J. Creah, J. H. Warrington, John Hungerford.
- No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton, O.*
J. C. McLaughlin, John Hart, J. M. McKenzie, Ethelbert
Servos.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, O.*
William Melborne, E. Synge, D. McK. Cameron.

- No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal, Q.*
W. B. Bowie, Job. C. Thompson, J. B. Cowan, David
Douglass, A. Galway.
- No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, O.*
F. I. Lapenotier.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, O.*
Thomas Lowrie, Robert Grant, J. T. Burnett.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, O.*
J. M. Lowes, J. B. Powell, T. M. Clegg, J. A. Campbell.
- No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburgh, O.*
A. Jones, G. Gott, C. G. Fortier, John Gostage, Edw. Shay,
G. Brown, Henry J. Brown, William Wilkinson, Thomas
Germain, John Dall.
- No. 36. *Welland Lodge, Fonthill, O.*
George Gamble.
- No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London, O.*
T. D. Mahan, G. Ellis, R. S. P. Davidson.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas, O.*
H. H. Hunt.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, O.*
D. McK. Creyk, W. B. Moffat, L. R. Smith, A. Marlatt.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, O.*
R. J. Earl, Edward Dicken.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor, O.*
R. Caldwell, W. E. Randall, John Taylor.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, O.*
Mark Running, William J. Massey.
- No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon, O.*
Henry M. Hicks, A. Benson, R. Young.
- No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, O.*
George Mathieson, Robert Jamieson, Jas. W. Leonard.
- No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
Robert Bell, G. A. Hawkins, H. Porter.
- No. 60. *Hoyle Lodge, La Colle, Q.*
John T. Stokes, T. Corduke, Robt. H. Whitman, Geo. Wagner.
- No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, O.*
J. W. Ferguson, Matt. Howie, Ferdinand Strauss.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London, O.*
John Crabb, J. Salker, D. McFie.
- No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle, O.*
Robert Fairbairn.
- No. 73. *St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, O.*
L. A. McIntyre, Thomas Conlan.

- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, O.*
Alexander Monroe, G. T. Berthon.
- No. 77. *Faithful Believers Lodge, Lindsay, O.*
Charles Tiers, Duncan McNaughton, Daniel McDonald.
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsenburgh, O.*
Jacob Glover, Walter H. Brown, Enoch B. Brown.
- No. 84. *Clin'on Lodge, Clinton, O.*
Daniel L. Sills.
- No. 90. *Muni'o Lodge, Collingwood, O.*
William Crone, Herman J. Beyer.
- No. 109. *Valley Lodge, Dundas, O.*
A. R. Wardell, W. F. Parsons, David Watson, J. J. Flynn,
James Chegwin, Robert Murray.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, O.*
Henry Hudson, Robert Widdicombe.
- No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott, O.*
Alvin C. Tupper.
- No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford, O.*
J. C. Marsland, James Barker, Henry Holding.
- No. 128. *Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke, O.*
James Graham.
- No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, O.*
John Main, Geo. Reed, Fred'k Long, Nathaniel Pearson.
- No. 130. *Yamaska Lodge, Granby, Q.*
Charles T. Miner.
- No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, O.*
J. D. Hall, J. P. Sparrow, Geo. W. Colston, John Leask,
C. Warren, F. Keller.
- No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, O.*
William Hollister, William M. Smith.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, O.*
A. H. Thompson.
- No. 146. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburgh, O.*
Calvin Miller.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
G. G. Dunlevie.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, O.*
Richard Turner, James Crossland, James L. Thompson.
- No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro', O.*
Alexander Graham.
- No. 156. *York Lodge, Eglinton, O.*
Josiah Lukes, O. S. Winstanley, Jas. Rowell, T. Robinson,
J. C. Davis, S. Crystall.

- No. 160. *Quebec Garrison Lodge, Quebec Q.*
Francis Villiers, James Stuart, Thomas Kelly.
- No. 167. *Royal Albert Lodge, Montreal, Q.*
John McPherson, Charles S. Brush, William J. Morrice.
- No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, O.*
A. M. Fleming, Samuel R. St. Nicholas, E. B. Ward.
- No. 187. *Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburgh, Q.*
William S. Abbott.
- No. 190. *Belmont Lodge, Belmont, O.*
Thomas Goulding, Maitland Wright.

RESTORATIONS.

- No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton, O.*
Charles Cumber.
- No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London, O.*
J. D. Sharman.
- No. 21. *Zetland Lodge, Montreal, Q.*
John J. Browne, Jacob Samuels, Isaac Lee.
Robert Rimmington
- No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, O.*
E. R. O'Brien.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, O.*
G. M. Furby, James Leverick.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, O.*
A. Logan.
- No. 31. *Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, O.*
Edward Silver, William Williams.
- No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg, O.*
Frank Brown.
- No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, O.*
W. G. Wonham.
- No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton, O.*
William Hutchinson.
- No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, O.*
Alexander McCleneghan.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, O.*
A. P. Salter.
- No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa, O.*
James Clarke, Charles Esplin, W. J. Mills.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, O.*
James Clark.

- No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle, O.*
Baldwin L. Bradley.
- No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling, O.*
B. L. Wilson, J. F. Carlton.
- No. 73. *St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, O.*
Justus Ingersoll.
- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, O.*
H. C. Westby
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburgh, O.*
Andrew Hunter; T. S. Brown, William Moulton, George
Eaton, Adamyn Brown.
- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury, O.*
William R. Hunter.
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, O.*
Thomas B. Dack.
- No. 90. *Muni'o Lodge, Collingwood, O.*
T. C. Prosser.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne, O.*
Joseph Doolittle, R. N. Howell.
- No. 92. *Cataragui Lodge, Kingston, O.*
John S. Smyth.
- No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, O.*
William A. Young.
- No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley, O.*
John Batt.
- No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Otterville, O.*
William A. McLim.
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Peter Renner.
- No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, O.*
James Clinklaw.
- No. 111. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope, O.*
Richard Fogarty.
- No. 116. *Gusset Lodge, Widdier, O.*
John Scoon.
- No. 118. *Union Lodge, Lloydtown, O.*
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- No. 130. *Yamaska Lodge, Granby, O.*
James Chalmers, Elias Ross.
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Alexander Corley.
- No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings, O.*
David S. Nelson.
- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, O.*
Russell H. Read.
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Charles Bingham, Charles Raymond.
- No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, O.*
Elisha P. Summer.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURN OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 24th JUNE, 1870.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Died.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
— Antiquity	Montreal	13	1	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	54
1 Prevost	Dunham	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	51
2 Niagara	Niagara	4	5	5	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	42
3 St. John's	Kingston	1	1	5	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	128
4 Dorchester	St. John's	2	2	2	3	3	..	6	..	..	..	21
5 Sussex	Brockville	6	4	2	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	61
6 Barton	Hamilton	13	13	12	11	4	1	6	..	..	1	113
7 Union	Grimshy	..	7	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	39
8 Nelson	Philipsburgh	..	..	1	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	12
9 Union	Napanee	7	8	11	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	84
10 Norfolk	Simcoe	5	5	2	1	6	2	..	..	..	..	64
11 Moira	Belleville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
12 Golden Rule	Stanstead	2	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	127
14 True Briton's	Perth	5	5	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	25
15 St. George's	St. Catharines	16	13	14	4	2	..	..	1	..	..	90
16 St. Andrew's	Toronto	18	11	10	2	2	2	3	..	..	..	97
17 St. John's	Cobourg	9	6	6	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	36
18 Prince Edward's	Pictou	7	6	5	2	6	1	..	..	..	..	83
19 St. George's	Montreal	4	4	3	2	9	..	5	..	..	..	57
20 St. John's	London	11	12	11	2	8	2	..	..	..	1	70
21 Zetland	Montreal	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	20
22 King Solomon's	Toronto	8	8	11	10	9	1	..	1	..	..	142
23 Richmond	Richmond Hill	14	11	8	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	40
25 Ionic	Toronto	5	3	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	1	80
26 Ontario	Port Hope	6	4	4	8	1	..	..	..	1	..	34
27 Strict Observance	Hamilton	18	15	16	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	89
28 Mount Zion	Kemptville	1	3	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	38
29 United	Brighton	3	4	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
30 Composite	Whitby	9	8	9	2	7	1	1	..	..	1	49
31 Jerusalem	Bowmanville	4	4	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	40
32 Amity	Dunnville	10	8	2	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	84
33 Goderich	Goderich	2	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
34 Thistle	Amherstburg	2	3	2	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	25
35 St. John's	Cayuga	10	9	9	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	26
36 Welland	Fonthill	..	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	40
37 King Hiram	Ingersoll	11	8	8	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	64
38 Trent	Trenton	4	4	2	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	38
39 Mount Zion	Brooklin	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
40 St. John's	Hamilton	19	14	6	2	4	4	..	..	..	1	38
41 St. George's	Kingsville	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63
42 St. George's	London	4	3	4	2	3	..	3	..	..	..	50
43 King Solomon's	Woodstock	8	7	8	4	4	1	..	..	..	1	64
44 St. Thomas	St. Thomas	1	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	40
45 Brant	Brantford	7	2	4	5	2	4	..	..	..	..	77
46 Wellington	Chatham	11	12	7	2	4	2	3	..	..	1	79
47 Great Western	Windsor	8	10	9	3	5	1	3	1	..	..	78
48 Madoc	Madoc	5	6	7	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	52
49 Harington	Quebec	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	47
50 Consecon	Consecon	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	31
51 Corinthian	Grahamville	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
53 Sheford	Waterloo	2	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	56
54 Vaughan	Maple	8	7	9	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	53
55 Mirickville	Mirickville	36
56 Victoria	Sarnia	4	4	2	2	4	..	3	80
57 Harmony	Binbrook	19

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Died.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
58 Doric	Ottawa	6	3		4	14	1	3			3	84
59 Corinthian	Ottawa	3	2	5		5	1					49
60 Hoyle	La Colle	1	1	2		6		4				10
61 Acacia	Hamilton	11	10	10	6	5						84
62 St. Andrew's	Caledonia	9	5	3		3					1	53
63 Kilwinning	London	8	4	3	6	4	1	3				70
66 Durham	Newcastle	7	5	1		2					1	39
67 St. Francis	Richmond											36
68 St. John's	Ingersoll	9	10	9	1		1					67
69 Stirling	Stirling	10	9	10		4	1				1	62
71 Victoria	Sherbrooke	3	2		1	1						66
72 Alma	Galt	3	4	5	1	6						68
73 St. James'	St. Mary's	9	5	4	3	7		2			1	51
74 St. James'	Maitland	2	2	1	3							33
75 St. John's	Toronto	14	13	15	5	2	5	2			1	120
76 Oxford	Woodstock	4	4	5		2	2					39
77 Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	7	3	4	1			3				28
78 King Hiram	Tilsonburgh	4	3	3	1			4			5	47
79 Simcoe	Bradford	19	19	19		6				1		37
80 Albion	Newbury	4	4	6	2	3					1	39
81 St. John's	Mt. Brydges	8	9	7	1	5						41
82 St. John's	Paris	4	6	11		7						60
83 Beaver	Strathroy	1	2	1	1	2						54
84 Clinton	Clinton	1	1	1	8		1	1				30
85 Rising Sun	Farmersville	1		1	4		2					30
86 Wilson	Toronto	7	11	7	5	8	1				1	122
87 Markham Union	Markham											39
88 St. George's	Owen Sound	8	8	4	2							55
90 Manito	Collingwood	10	10	7	1	1		1			1	74
91 Colborne	Colborne	11	10	9								59
92 Cataraqui	Kingston	8	9	12	1	11		1	1		1	104
93 Northern Light	Kincardine	7	7	6		3					1	40
94 St. Mark's	Port Stanley	5	6	9	2	2	2	1	1		1	32
95 Ridout	Otterville					1						26
96 Corinthian	Barrie	4	2	3	2	2	1					48
97 Sharon	Sharon	5	1									40
98 True Blue	Albion	3	2	1	2	2						21
99 Tuscan	Newmarket	2	3	4	1	2						35
100 Valley	Dundas	4	2	4	1	8	1	6				37
101 Corinthian	Peterboro'	9	5	10	1							41
103 Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	8	6	11	7	16		3	1			98
104 St. John's	Norwichville	3	2	1		3						28
105 St. Mark's	Drummondville	9	8	10			1				1	65
106 Burford	Burford	6	6	6	5	1						28
107 St. Paul's	Laumbeth	3	5	3	5						1	34
108 Blenheim	Drumbo	4	4	2	1		1					29
109 Albion	Harrowsmith	2	2		2		1					30
110 Central	Prescott	8	12	12	2	1		1				79
112 Maitland	Goderich	13	12	10	2	5						72
113 Wilson	Waterford	3	3	3	3	7						35
114 Hope	Port Hope	11	11	15	3	4					1	44
115 Ivy	Smithville											26
116 Cassia	Widder	4	3	3				1				43
117 Stanbridge	Stanbridge	3	3	3		3						53
118 Union	Schomberg	11	8	6	1	4			1		2	20
119 Maple Leaf	Bath	9	8	6		2						30
120 Warren	Fingal	6	7	7								34
121 Doric	Brantford	1	1	1		2						65
122 Renfrew	Renfrew											14
123 The Belleville	Belleville	6	6	6	2	1						76
124 Montreal Kilwinning	Montreal											152
125 Cornwall	Cornwall	13	15	14	2	1		1			1	43
126 Golden Rule	Campbellsford											32
127 Franck	Frankford	15	14	8		1						59

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdra's.	Died.	Susp.N.P.D.	Susp.U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
128 Pembroke	Pembroke	11	7	6	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	27
129 The Rising Sun	Aurora	6	3	1	1	4	..	..	1	..	..	35
130 Yamaska	Granby	2	3	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	2	19
131 St. Lawrence	Southampton	5	4	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	25
133 Lebanon Forest	Franceston	2	2	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	52
134 Shawenegam	Three Rivers	2	2	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
135 St. Clair	Milton	1	6	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	54
136 Richardson	Stouffville	9	6	6	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	42
137 Pythagoras	Meaford	2	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	34
138 Aylmer	Aylmer, P. Q.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
139 Lebanon	Oshawa	13	11	10	1	8	..	6	..	..	..	65
140 Malahide	Aylmer, Ont.	14	12	11	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	52
141 Tudor	Mitchell	6	5	1	3	1	..	..	2	..	..	35
142 Excelsior	Morrisburgh	4	2	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	64
143 Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	1	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	42
144 Tecumseh	Stratford	8	11	13	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	71
145 J. B. Hall	Millbrook	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
146 Prince of Wales	Newburgh	4	4	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	64
147 Mississippi	Almonte	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	24
148 Civil Service	Seat of Government	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	37
149 Erie	Port Dover	5	6	5	1	3	3	2	1	..	..	37
150 Hastings	Hastings	3	3	4	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	50
151 The Grand River	Berlin	6	6	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	62
152 Clarenceville	Clarenceville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
153 Burns	Wyoming	5	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
154 Irving	Lucan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
155 Peterborough	Peterboro'	4	4	4	3	5	..	1	..	..	..	38
156 York	Eglinton	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
157 Simpson	Newboro'	3	3	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	39
158 Alexandra	Oil Springs	7	6	7	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	37
159 Goodwood	Richmond, O.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
160 Quebec Garrison	Quebec	3	3	3	4	13	..	3	..	..	..	30
161 Percy	Warkworth	7	6	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	33
162 Forest	Wroxeter	2	4	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	31
163 Browne	Adamsville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
164 Star in the East	Wellington	3	3	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	40
165 Burlington	Wellington Square	3	2	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	28
166 Wentworth	Stoney Creek	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
167 Royal Albert	Montreal	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	55
168 Merritt	Welland	5	5	6	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	38
169 Macnab	Port Colborne	5	4	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	43
170 Britannia	Seaforth	6	7	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
171 Prince of Wales	Iona	8	4	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	55
172 Ayr	Ayr	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
173 Victoria	Montreal	3	3	3	8	9	..	..	1	..	..	46
174 Walsingham	Port Rowan	12	10	9	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	52
175 St. John's	Mansionville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
176 Spartan	Sparta	5	4	5	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	26
177 The Builders	Ottawa	6	6	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	63
178 Plattaville	Plattsville	6	5	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	35
179 Bothwell	Bothwell	5	3	3	1	3	..	4	..	..	1	41
180 Speed	Guelph	9	9	8	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	85
181 Oriental	Port Burwell	8	10	9	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	55
182 Tuscan	Levis	..	1	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	30
183 Prince Albert	Prince Albert	2	1	2	2	6	1	..	..	..	..	40
184 Old Light	Lucknow	4	3	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
185 Enniskillen	York	10	10	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	29
186 Plantagenet	Plantagenet	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
187 Royal Canadian	Sweetsburgh	3	3	5	2	7	..	1	..	..	..	33
188 Ascot	Lennoxville	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
189 Filius Vidue	Adolphustown	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	21
190 Belmont	Belmont	7	7	7	..	1	..	2	38
191 Ashlar	Coaticook	4	4	4	..	1	41
192 Orillia	Orillia	4	2	5	4	28

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Rainings.	Joinings.	Withdra'ls.	Died.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
193 Scotland	Scotland	1	9	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	27
194 Petrolia	Petrolia	11	13	6	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	44
195 The Tuscan	London .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
196 Madawaska	Arnprior	3	9	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	21
197 Saugeen	Walkerton	9	12	9	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	42
198 White Oak	Oakville	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
199 Frelighsburg	Frelighsburg .....	..	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	20
200 St. Alban's	Mount Forest	1	5	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	40
201 Leeds	Gananoque	14	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
202 Mount Royal	Montreal	11	13	12	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	35
203 Irvine	Elora .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
204 Doric	Danville	4	5	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
205 New Dominion	New Hamburg	1	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	39
206 North Gower	North Gower	3	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
207 Lancaster	Lancaster	5	6	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	28
208 Chatauguay	Huntingdon .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
209 Evergreen	Lanark	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
210 Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	3	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
211 Brome Lake	Knowlton	6	7	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	17
212 Elysian	Garden Island	9	9	12	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
213 Dominion	Ridgeway	13	11	9	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	25
214 Craig	Ailsa Craig	6	11	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
215 Lake	Ameliasburgh	5	5	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
216 Harris	Orangeville	27	19	21	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	38
217 Frederick	Delhi	4	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	13
218 Stevenson	Toronto	21	13	12	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	37
219 Credit	Georgetown	24	21	21	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
220 Zeredatha	Uxbridge .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
221 Mountain	Thorold	7	5	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
222 Marmora	Marmora	4	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
223 Norwood	Norwood	11	11	11	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
224 Zurich	Zurich	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
225 Bernard	Listowel	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
226 Mt. Moriah	Montreal	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
227 Sutton	Sutton Platt	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
228 Prince Arthur	Odessa	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
229 Ionic	Brampton	2	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	13
230 Kerr	Bell Ewart	7	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
231 Lodge of Fidelity ..	Ottawa .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
232 Cameron	Wallacetown .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
233 Doric	Park Hill .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
234 Beaver	Clarksburg .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
235 Aldworth	Paisley	8
236 Manitoba	Bondhead	13
237 Vienna	Vienna	10
238 Havelock	Watford	10
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	<u>\$41,177 27</u>

EXPULSION

BY THE GRAND LODGE FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

LEWIS CLEMENT, Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford, O.

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